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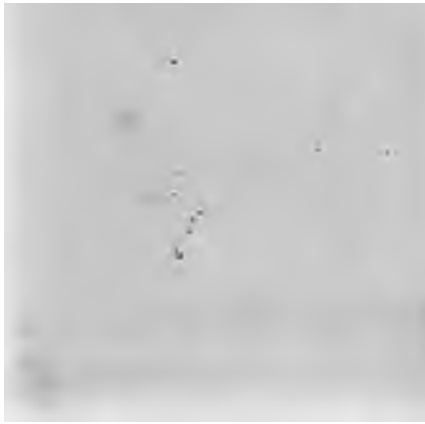

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frequent and regular hours of public worship; and for their requirements devotions adapted to ordinary life are insufficient, while those which imply a consecration, or lifelong separation from secular work, are unwholesome. This collection is intended primarily for the highest classes of such church-helpers, viz., deaconesses commissioned by the bishops of our church, and female members of missions to the heathen, whether acting separately, or gathered together in communities. But parts of these devotions may be useful to those who cannot escape some of the labours of secular life, to men as well as women, to readers,* catechists, teachers, district visitors, &c., to church-helpers (διάκονοι), in short, of various degrees of efficiency.

It will be seen from the meagreness of the general devotions, *e. g.*, those for Holy Communion, for the seasons and holy days, that this work is not intended to supersede more general collections, but rather to provide

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MORNING PRAYERS.

No. 1.

O LORD God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, O Holy Blessed and Glorious Trinity, Who hast made all things, visible and invisible, the earth, and the sun, and the stars, and the unseen beings in the spiritual world; Who dost maintain and rule all the universe by Thy power, I bow down myself before Thee, the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. I humbly join myself in adoring Thee with the holy angels, with the church at rest, with the church yet militant here in earth.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

Christ, have mercy upon me.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

O Lord God, I confess my utter unworthiness to approach Thee. I dare come only in

the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, in the hope that I may be accepted through His intercession. I pray as He hath taught us. *Our Father, &c.*

O Lord God most holy, I confess to Thee with shame all that hath been amiss in me during the night past. Pardon, I beseech Thee, for the Lord Jesu's sake, all that I have thought or done, unworthily of my adoption, unworthily of my special calling. Cleanse me, O Lord, by thy Holy Spirit; cleanse me thoroughly and for ever. I renounce this day the world, the flesh, and the devil. I throw myself upon Thee to help me. I desire to give myself wholly unto thee; to do all, even eating and drinking, to Thy Glory.

I thank Thee, O God, with all my heart, or sustaining my life during the past night, for refreshing sleep, for lengthened time and renewed strength to repent, and to serve Thee. I praise and bless Thy Holy Name for my preservation from fire, from pain, from distressing thoughts, from evil angels, and from wicked men. I glorify Thee for Thy constant and most kindly care so unremittingly bestowed on me, unworthy as I am, and on all who are dear to me. I humbly thank Thee for the special opportunities of serving Thee, which Thou hast deigned to give me. I glorify Thy goodness for the indulgencies which Thou hast, in Thy fatherly

kindness, lavished upon me, especially for the love of those who love me. Many a time and often hast Thou renewed Thy most precious gift of the Holy Spirit to me; and now I beseech Thee again, O Lord, to strengthen my miserable weakness against all sin during the coming day, and especially against . . . . . to which I am sadly disposed, and most easily tempted. I earnestly desire Thy help to beware of all occasions of such sins, to be watchful against the very first signs of temptation, to shrink from all that is unbecoming my calling, to realize Thy Holy Presence everywhere and at all times, and to abhor every thing which is offensive in Thine eyes.

O Lord Jesus, my Master, my Saviour, I desire to be conformed unto Thee. Make me humble, diligent, steadfast, and persevering. Keep me from being frivolous, vain, ill-tempered, or idle. Give me zeal and discretion, self-denial and cheerfulness, gentleness and earnestness. Fill me with holy thoughts. Endue me with calmness and patience. Give me a single eye to Thy service. In all that I have to do, make me to do it as unto Thee; help me to give my whole heart and energy to it, to set aside entirely my own satisfaction, and while acting with courtesy and consideration towards others, never to forget that I am Thy servant. Cause me to remember this day the hours of prayer, and enable me to

affliction of body,
disappointment or failure, or
this day through the gate of death, I resign
myself absolutely to Thy fatherly and most
loving Providence. I still cling humbly to
Thee, and to Thy love. O Heavenly Father,
I offer my strength to Thee this day.
Prosper my work, O Lord, and bring me in
peace to the evening. Brighten this day, O
Lord, with thy favour. Hear my prayer, and
accept it through the intercession of Jesus
Christ, my Lord. Be Thou, O Lord, above
me to support me, before me to guide me
round about me to protect me, within me t
strengthen me, after me to forgive me. N
and always. Amen.

I will go forth in the strength of the J
God.

No. 2.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord, our God, the God of our fathers, Who turnest the shadow of death into the morning, and renewest the face of the earth ; Who scatterest the darkness before the face of the light ; Who removest the night, and bringest back the day ; Who hast lightened mine eyes, that I slept not in death ; Who hast delivered me from terrors of the night, from the pestilence that walketh in darkness ; Who hast driven sleep from mine eyes, and slumber from mine eyelids ; Who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. Blessed art Thou, for I have laid me down and slept, and have risen up again ; it is Thou, Lord, Who makest me dwell in safety. I awoke and beheld, and my sleep was sweet unto me.

O Lord, blot out as a mist mine iniquities. Scatter my sins as a morning cloud. Grant that I may become a child of the light, and of the day, that I may walk soberly, chastely, and honestly, as in the day. Vouchsafe to keep me this day without sin ; uphold me when I am falling, and lift me up when I am down ; grant that I may never harden my heart by provoking Thee, by tempting Thee ; nor let me deceived by any sin. Moreover, deliver me this day from the snare of the hunter, the noisome pestilence, the arrow

that flieth by day, the accident that destroyeth in the noon day. Preserve this day from any evil of mine, and me from the evils of this day. Let not my days be consumed in vanity, nor my years in trouble. Let one day utter speech unto another; let this day add something in knowledge or in practice to yesterday.

O let me hear Thy loving kindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust; show Thou me the way that I should walk in; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies, for I flee unto Thee to hide me. Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God. Let Thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of uprightness. Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake; and, for Thy righteousness' sake, bring my soul out of trouble.

Remove from my mind thoughts that are without understanding. Inspire good thought into me, even such as shall be well-pleasin unto Thee. Turn away mine eyes, lest the behold vanity. Hedge in mine ears wi thorns, that they listen not to foolish d courses. Waken them to hear in the mo ing, and open them to the doctrine of T word. Set a watch, O Lord, before mouth, and keep the door of my lips: let *speech be seasoned* with salt, that it

minister grace unto the hearers. Let nothing that I do be a grief or offence of heart to me. But let my doings be such, for which Thou mayest remember me for good ; and do Thou spare me according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

Into Thy Hands I commend my spirit, soul, body. Thou hast created, redeemed, regenerated them, O Lord, Thou God of Truth. And with myself I commend unto Thee all those whom I love, and all that belong unto me. Thou, O Lord, hast graciously given them unto Thy servant. Preserve us, O Lord, from all evil; O Lord, I beseech Thee, keep us from falling, and present us faultless before the presence of Thy glory at that day. O Lord, preserve my going out, and my coming in, from this time forth for evermore. Prosper, I beseech Thee, Thy servant this day, and grant me mercy in the sight of all whom I shall meet with. O God, make speed to save me. O Lord, make haste to help me.

O turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and help the son of Thine handmaid. Show some token upon me for good, that I be not put to shame in the sight of them that hate me, because Thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

O God, I beseech Thee—Guard my heart

ly the present—Grant ...
d be merciful unto me, and bless me
how me the light of His countenance
be merciful unto me. Amen.

Evening Prayers.

No. 1.

HOLY, Blessed Lord God, God the
Father, God the Son, God the Ho
st, Who dwellest in light eternal and u
oachable, I Thy wearied servant aga
ible myself before Thee.
glorify Thee for all Thy fatherly lo
goodness to me this day. I humb
ak Thee for sparing me from the evil
e provoked, for shielding me from ac
and infection, and countless dange

I desire to confess to Thee, O Lord, whatever evil I have done this day, in thought, word, and deed; whatever duty I have left undone, whatever I have done badly and defectively towards Thee, and towards men. Help me, O Lord, to discover my faults. Let the light of Thy holiness now search out my heart* . . . . . .

O Lord Jesus Christ, I desire of Thee true contrition. Perfect in me an abiding repentance. Pardon all for the sake of Thy own bitter death and sufferings. Restore me to Thy favour, reconcile me, sanctify me wholly. Fill me now with Thy Holy Spirit, with the joy of Thy salvation.

O Lord, I humbly desire that the lifting up of my hands this day may be set forth before Thee as the evening sacrifice. In union with the oblation of Thyself to do the will of the Father, in union with the offering of the whole Church this day for the sweet savour of acceptable service, I desire most humbly to offer my feeble contribution of service this day. Thou knowest, O gentle and merciful Saviour, how much I have fallen short of what I ought to have done, of what I desired to do for Thee, in trying to do good to others, in trying to amend myself. Do Thou, O Lord, correct, refine, perfect it.

* For devotions of self-examination and confession, see pp. 30, &c.

Fuse it into the united service of Thy Church. Perfume it with Thy holy intercession. O Thou who art touched with the feeling of our infirmities, Thou wilt not be extreme to mark what is done amiss. Thou wilt mercifully overlook the sad mixture of my motives, Thou wilt separate for Thyself the little that was done for Thee. Accept it, O Lord, present it for me, not as mine, but as Thine, for Thou knowest that I love Thee. O make me to love Thee more, and to serve Thee better! . . I most humbly commit myself, O God, to Thee this night, all my cares and anxieties, all my designs and desires. Protect us from fire, from pain, and sickness, from evil men, and evil spirits. To my weariness vouchsafe rest, both of body and mind. Renew my strength by wholesome sleep. Lighten my eyes that I sleep not in death. Thy holy will be done in me this night, only keep me from all sin, from fear, from idle thoughts, from discomposure of spirit. Let me not in my dreams, or in my waking thoughts, imagine what may anger Thee. And raise me up, if it please Thee, refreshed and purified for tomorrow. I desire, O Lord, to consecrate my bed to holy thoughts, to shut out the world, to leave all my cares without. Prepare me for my long rest in the grave, *accustom me even* now to be at peace, when

I will lay me down in peace, an
rest, for it is Thou Lord only, th
me dwell in safety. . . . Amen.

No. 2.

I GIVE thanks to Thee, O Lord, tl
passed over this day. The nigl
on ; death also cometh on.

I lift up my hands by nigh
sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

Give rest, O Lord, to me that am c
renew my strength, for I am weary.
my eyes, that I sleep not in death
me wholesome sleep, and to pass tl
without fear.

O Thou keeper of Israel. Who dos

..., Thou knowest the
kness. O Thou, Who madest me, let
wings of Thy mercy overshadow me
se me up in a time accepted, in the hour
rayer; and grant that I may seek Thee
y, to glorify and serve Thee. Lord, into
hands I commend myself, spirit, soul,
body. Thou hast created and redeemed
n, O Lord, Thou God of Truth. And,
her with myself, I commend unto Thee
hat belong unto me. Thou, O Lord,
graciously given them unto Thy servant.
erve my lying down and my rising up,
this time forth for evermore. Grant
I may remember Thee upon my bed,
earch out my spirit, so that when I wake
may be present with Thee. I will lay
own in peace, and take my rest, for it is

[illegible] Thou hast redeeme
Thy great power, and by Thy st
hand. Prosper thy servant this d
6. Remember the word unto Thy ser
upon which Thou hast caused m
hope.
7. Incline my heart unto Thy testimo
and not to covetousness.
8. Turn away my reproach which I fear.
9. I will keep Thy statutes, O forsake
not utterly.
[illegible]. Blessed be the God and Father of
Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed
with all spiritual blessings in heave
places in Christ, according as He h
chosen us in Him before the foundati
of the world, that we should be ho
and without blame before H[illegible]

14. I desire to hear thy voice, and to open the door. Do Thou, O Lord, come in to me!
15. Thou knowest what things I have need of, before I ask Thee.
16. I will not serve God and Mammon.
17. Grant unto me first the kingdom of God, and Thy righteousness.
18. O Lord, I ask, O Lord, I seek, O Lord, I knock. Give me the bread of life.
19. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.
20. Make me to deny myself, and take up my cross, and follow Thee.
21. All things are possible unto Thee; take away this from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what Thou wilt.
22. Thou knowest my frame; Thou rememberest that I am but dust.
23. I wait for the Lord; my soul doth wait; in Thy word do I hope.
24. In the mount the Lord shall be seen.
25. Say in a word, and Thy servant shall be healed.
26. I will make a covenant with my eyes.
27. Lord, remember me, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.
28. Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth.
29. Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, and Thy glory above all the earth.

30. Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.
31. God is my salvation, I will trust, and not be afraid.
32. May I work out my salvation in fear and trembling.
33. O Lord, direct my heart into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.
34. It is mine own infirmity, but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most Highest.
35. I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of Thy hands.
36. Grant to me, gracious Lord, a pure intention of my heart, and a steadfast regard to Thy glory in all my actions.
37. Lord, I am not mine, but Thine. Claim me as Thy right, keep me as Thy charge, and love me as Thy child. Fight for me when I am assaulted, heal me when I am wounded, revive me when I am destroyed.
38. O Lord my God, I beseech Thee to give me patience in troubles, humility in prosperity, constancy in temptations.
39. Grant me sorrow for my sins, thankfulness for Thy benefits, fear of Thy judgments, love of Thy mercies, and mindfulness of Thy presence for evermore.

40. Give me modesty in my countenance, gravity in my behaviour, deliberation in my speech, holiness in my thoughts, and righteousness in all my actions.

41. Let Thy mercy cleanse me from my sins, and let Thy grace bring forth in me the fruits of everlasting life.

42. Lord, make me obedient without arguing, humble without fawning, patient without grudging, pure without pretension, cheerful without lightness, diffident without cowardice, simple without weakness, sober without moroseness, fearing Thee without despairing, and trusting in Thee without presumption.

43. Lord, let me be joyful for nothing but that which pleaseth Thee, nor sorrowful for anything but that which doth displease Thee. Let my labour be a delight which is for Thee, and let rest be a weariness except in Thee. Lord, make me humble to my superiors, and friendly to my equals, ready to please all, and loath to offend any, loving to my friends, and charitable to my enemies.

PRAYERS FOR CERTAIN HOURS OF THE DAY.

THE THIRD HOUR (9 O'CLOCK).

ALMIGHTY God, Who didst, as at this hour, replenish the hearts of Thy faithful servants by sending Thy Holy Spirit upon them; grant me by the same spirit to have a right judgment in all things, that I may both perceive what I ought to do, and also have power to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst, as at this hour, receive the bitter sentence of death for us, when no cause of death could be found against Thee; enable us, after Thy example, to bear injustice in the cause of righteousness, and meekly to submit to men's condemnation, which (unlike Thee) we have justly deserved. Amen.

THE SIXTH HOUR (12 O'CLOCK).

"AT noonday will I pray, and that instantly, and He shall hear my voice." O Lord Jesus Christ, my Lord and my God, Who didst, as at this hour, while hanging on the Cross for my sake, enter into the darkness of God's wrath, and didst endure the awful forsaking of God; grant unto me to have this Thy blessed Passion in devout remem-

brance every day of my life, and at the hour of death. And by its merits save me, O Lord, from the wrath and the forsaking of God, so that even in the valley of the shadow of death I may fear no evil, in Thy presence. Amen.

THE NINTH HOUR (3 O'CLOCK).

O LORD, my Redeemer and King, Who as at this hour didst finish Thy work of redemption, didst commend Thy spirit unto the Father, and didst fall into that deep sleep wherein the Church was taken from Thy flesh; I glorify Thee that Thou hast grafted me into Thy Body, and made me a partaker of Thy redemption. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit, for Thou hast redeeme me, O Lord God of Truth! Amen.

END OF DAY (6 O'CLOCK).

O LORD, Whose crucified Body was at this hour, laid in the sepulc grant that I, who have been buried Thee in my baptism, may remain dead sin, and continually mortify all evil corrupt affections, until my life, now h with Thee, is revealed in glory a coming, to which vouchsafe to prese blameless, through Thy merits. Ame

Before Public Worship.

No. 1.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, Who, when we would seek Thee, dost condescend to seek us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth, I beg Thy merciful acceptance of this my imperfect obedience to Thy call. Give me now, I most earnestly pray Thee, the true spirit of hearty prayer. By sad experience I fear being dull and wandering; I fear being formal and careless. Grant me now Thy Holy Spirit to keep my soul alert, disentangled from the world, pure and undistracted, simply intent on Thee. Bless the devotions of all who worship with me, of all my absent friends, and of all faithful souls in Thy Church this day. Knit us together as one company at Thy footstool. Pardon us, though we be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. Prepare our hearts, as the heart of one man, to seek the Lord God of our fathers, and lift us up in heart and mind unto the place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, to fall down with angels before Thy throne, and worship Thee Who liveth for ever and ever.

O Lord our Redeemer, Who ever maketh intercession for us, I humbly entreat Thee to present my prayers and praises refined and perfumed with the incense of Thy most pure and perfect intercession.

worthily join [illegible]
the eternal invisible [illegible]

No. 2.

LORD, I humbly beg Thy Holy Spirit to help my weakness, that I may be earnest and attentive in Thy Congregation. Turn my thoughts from all worldly and trifling things, that I may at this time join heartily in the worship of Thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFTER PUBLIC WORSHIP.

No. 1.

ACCEPT O Lord, for Thy dear Son's sak this my feeble and unworthy con bution to the praises this day rendered *Thy Church.* Forgive my coldness, in

tion, sluggishness, my distraction, :
perfect apprehension of Thy glorious
I humbly thank Thee for being tl
mitted to join in it. Grant unto
what I have asked, but what Th
May I go forth, cleansed from the sin:
confessed, instructed, and furnish
strengthened, for a holier life, and
diligent, self-denying service. Let m
forward be nearer to Thee. Abide
as I walk in the world. Give me a
vivid perception of the communion o
Give us all a comfortable, reverent
Thy Holy presence in us, that what
may say, and do, and think, it may b
Thy honour and glory, for ever. An

No. 2.

GLORY be to Thee, O Lord, W
now permitted me to appear befc
in the Body of the faithful. Lord, pa
my failings in this Thy service, the wa
of my mind, the coldness of my hear
Thy presence remain with me, and
make me to be a doer of Thy wo
not a hearer only, for the sake of my
Saviour. Amen.

No. 3.

O LORD, I implore Thy blessing on all who have been prevented from joining this day in Thy public worship, and Thy pardon on those who have wilfully absented themselves. O Lord, let them not altogether miss their spiritual food, and restore them speedily to the assemblies of Thy children. Especially I pray for the sorrowful, and the sick, that they may be comforted by Thy Spirit, and may lift up their hearts to holy and happy places, in humble trust and penitent love, through Thy mercy, and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEVOTIONS FOR HOLY DAYS.

For the right use of Holy Days.

O LORD, our most merciful God, Who in compassion to our littleness and feebleness of understanding, hast condescended to divide the wonders of Thy truth, and to teach them to us by little and little; I thank Thee that Thou hast ordained that we should learn the perfections of Thy dear Son, by dwelling on them separately in the various great events of His Incarnate life. I thank Thee that Thou hast taught us to be imitators of Thy saints, as they were of Him. And O *Lord, I beseech* Thee, that on this day,

Lord to measure mys
a standard! to humble myself th
to glorify Thee for Thy power anc
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SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBJECTS OF MEI
APPROPRIATE TO SPECIAL HOLY I

The Circumcision. Mortification of t
The Epiphany. Thanksgiving for ele
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ing of God.
The Purification. The universal obl
of service.
St. Matthias. Exactness of prep
spiritual gifts.

St. John Baptist. Lifelong repentance the preparation for Christ.
St. Peter. Boldness in confessing Christ.
St. James. The diversities of suffering appointed to the saints.
St. Bartholomew. Guilelessness of reserve to men, and of openness to God.
St. Matthew. Humility the antidote to the dangers of covetousness.
St. Michael and all Angels. Unselfish service of God.
St. Luke. Contentment in secondary positions.
SS. Simon and Jude. Hearty zeal in spiritual things.
All Saints. The Communion of Saints.
St. Andrew. The calling to intimacy with Christ.
St. Thomas. Childlike trust in God, especially in depression.
The Nativity. God taking the form of a servant.
St. Stephen the Martyr. Forgiveness of enemies.
St. John the Evangelist. The marks of a loving God.
The Holy Innocents. Suffering the badge of saintship.

PRAYER FOR SAINTS'-DAYS.

GLORY be to Thee, O God, for all the *graces* which Thou hast given to Thy

saints, who have served Thee in holiness, and are now happily at rest with Thee. Give me grace to follow in their steps, and to fight against sin as they did. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR HOLY COMMUNION.

No. 1.

O LORD God Almighty, Who hast deigned to receive me at Thy table, grant that this sacred communion in the Body and the Blood of Thy dear Son, may be my guide and my food for my journey through life. May it be to me a consolation when I am harassed, a fountain of happy love in time of exultation, of patience in tribulation and distress. By these sacred mysteries grant to me a right faith, firm hope, and ardent love for Thee.

Grant me strength to renounce the world, most tender sympathy for the Passion of my Lord, and such purity of desire that my unruly will and affections may only seek that which Thou dost promise.

And if it please Thee to renew this gift to me, when my departure is near at hand, grant that I may then receive it with certain hope, and sure confidence in Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who openest Thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness, Who art the true and living bread that came down from heaven, in the strength whereof we must go all the days of our life through the wilderness of the world, until we come to the mount of God; I acknowledge that I can do no good thing of myself, that I cannot come to Thee except Thou draw me. I beseech Thee, that as Thou hast now given me a good will, so that Thou wouldst enable me to perform it indeed. Let me come near to Thee now, O blessed Lord, in these mysteries. Grant me now so to receive them, that everything weak in me may be strengthened, everything impure may be cleansed. Make me to delight in Thy service, to dedicate myself wholly to Thee, to turn away mine eyes from all vanities, and to be quickened in Thy holy law. So that pleasing Thee both in Body and Soul, I may attain to the exceeding great and eternal reward which Thou dost promise me in Thyself. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 3.

O BLESSED Jesu, our Lord and our God, I desire to obey Thy dying command,

and to make remembrance before God of Thine own great offering, and to plead and offer it before the throne. O Lamb of God, I long for a full participation in Thy glorious merits. I humbly desire to offer myself, in union with Thee and Thy Church, to be a reasonable holy and lively sacrifice; I desire to be fed upon this memorial of Thee, and of Thy self-devotion for our sakes; I desire to be nourished by that which Thou didst offer to the Father, and to be strengthened and refreshed by the precious sustenance of Thyself. Amen.

No. 4 (Before the Office).

ALMIGHTY Lord, Who hast of Thine infinite mercy vouchsafed to ordain this dreadful Sacrament for a perpetual memory of that blessed sacrifice which Thou didst make for us; grant me with such diligent remembrance and due reverence to assist in the holy celebration of so heavenly and wonderful a mystery, that I may be made worthy by Thy grace to obtain the virtue of the same, and to receive all that Thou givest herein, even the fulness of Thy Body and Blood. And this I beg only from Thy mercy, Who art my Saviour, and Redeemer, and most gracious God, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

No. 5 (After the Office).

BE pleased, O God, to accept this our bounden duty and service, and command that the prayers and adoration which we herein offer to Thee may be brought into Thy holy presence, and may there lie before Thee accepted for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEVOTIONS WITH MEDITATION.

Prayer before Meditation.

O LORD, I humbly beg Thy help now to shut out the world, to close my heart against all that can interrupt my communion with Thee. Subdue all riotous, and unruly, and wandering thoughts in me. Let Thy Holy Spirit stir up the depths of my soul, and saturate them with holy thoughts. Quicken my affections; exalt my understanding of spiritual things; sharpen my judgment in the earnest desire to mortify my own will, and to do Thine; and direct my meditation to personal and practical improvement; so that I may now advance a step in the spiritual life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Open Thou mine eyes that I may see the *wondrous* things of Thy law. I am a stranger

upon earth, O hide not Thy commandments from me."

"Quicken Thou me in Thy way. Quicken me in Thy righteousness."

Directions for a Meditation on the Lord's Prayer.

(*For a Member of a Religious Community*).

Our Father. All Christians are brethren, but you are bound by a closer tie in your community; bound to one another, and bound to Him.

Which art in Heaven. Of which your life as devoted to God's especial service ought to be a foretaste, both in worship and service. Is it becoming so?

Hallowed be Thy Name. The object of our lives! is it hallowed in ourselves?

Thy Kingdom come. Waiting for our preparation! O the long-suffering of God! Is your part in arrear?

Thy will be done, &c. And for you His will is, that you take heed to yourself, and tend the bodies and souls of others, and help the clergy.

Give us this day, &c. And not to you only, but to those upon whom your work is

scandal?

But deliver us from evil. Because you are so much in contact with evil, that you specially need to be preserved from it.

Devotions of Self-examination.

No. 1.

O GOD, show me myself! Let me see myself in Thy Light! bared of all outward shows and pretexts! Let me see what I have made of myself! Let me not shrink from this humiliation, and may it humiliate me so that I never forget it! For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

No. 2.

ALMIGHTY God, to Whom every recess of our hearts and souls is so utterly *known* that the burning light of Thy Sp

can pass through the very midst of that sacrifice of my whole self which I now offer to Thee; I pray Thee to help me to search it out in every separate part and piece, and especially so to deplore and bewail every blemish and offensiveness therein, that it may be wholly cleansed, and made perfect through the merits of Him Who offered Himself acceptably unto Thee, Jesus Christ our Lord. O Lord I desire not to spare myself, but so to judge myself that I be not judged of Thee. I pray Thee now to quicken my memory, to strip off my excuses, to give me the measure of Thy holiness wherewith to compare my own uncleanness. And then O Lord, for the sake of Thy dear Son, forgive me! Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR DAILY SELF-EXAMINATION.

1. Have I kept to my rule as to the time of getting up?
2. Did I say my prayers, and read the Bible? earnestly? without hurry? without selfishness? without conceit?
3. Did I set about my work as for God?
4. Have I striven to preserve calm and inward peace in turmoil, business, strife, distraction, disappointments?

Divine Service? in Meditation?

13. Did I send up to heaven any intermediat or ejaculatory prayers?
14. Have I broken any special resolutio against a peculiar failing?
15. Have I remembered incessantly m office, my position, and endeavoured t live becomingly?
16. What part of my duty have I neglected
17. Have I hurt the feelings of any one t day?
18. Is there any one who has injured me and for whom I ought to pray?
19. Have I given way to any of the d sires of the flesh, when I might h contradicted it, and kept under *body?*

20. Have I yielded to the indulgence of a desire of the mind, to the detriment of my duty?

Have I now repented of all I have found amiss in me this day? followed it up, and traced it to its beginning? and humbly resolved to amend it when I begged for pardon?

QUESTIONS AS TO WORK.

1. Did I do it according to St. Paul's rule, giving myself first, and then my work, to our Lord?
2. Did I do it in the faith that my Lord was with me, ready to give me all the help I needed, and to make my work perfect?
3. Did I do it in hope, believing that these promises are mine?
4. Did I do it in love to the Lord, endeavouring to prove it to Him? and in my poor manner, to requite Him for His love to me?
5. If I had to do it over again, what would I *not* do, which I did in it?
6. And what would I do, which I did not?
7. How does it seem, compared with what a Saint would have made of it?

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irreverently?

4. Have I kept the times of direct w
5. Have I dealt with every one as if them in respect of their station
6. Have I dealt with every one as if them in respect of their bodily c
7. Have I dealt with every one as if them in respect of their affecti feelings?
8. Have I dealt with every one as if them in respect of their propert
9. Have I dealt with every one as if them in respect of their good na
10. Have I been watchful against t *symptoms* of selfish tendencies?

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under Thy mighty hand, I stretch forth my hands unto Thee. My soul gaspeth for Thee as a thirsty land. I smite upon my breast, and say with the publican, God be merciful unto me a sinner! To me, altogether a sinner! To me, the chief of sinners! To me, a greater sinner than the publican, be merciful as to the publican! O Father of mercies, I beseech Thee, by Thy Fatherly bowels of compassion, despise me not!—an unclean worm, a dead dog, a stinking carcass, despise me not!—the work of Thy Hands, Thine own image, despise me not, though I bear the scars of mine iniquity. Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. Lord, speak the word only, and I shall be healed. And Thou, O Saviour Christ, O Christ, my Saviour! Saviour of sinners, of whom I am chief, despise me not. Despise me not, O Lord. The price of Thine own Blood, upon whom Thy Name is called, O Lord, despise me not. But look upon me with those Thine eyes, with which Thou lookedst upon the Magdalene at the feast; upon Peter in the hall; upon the thief on the Cross: despise me not, O Lord. But soften and melt me.

Lord, as we add day to day, so we add sin to sin. A just man falleth seven times a day, but I, a wretched sinner, seventy times seven times. A wonderful and horrible thing,

O Lord! But I turn from my wicked ways, and bewail them; I return to myself, and turn to Thee with all my heart. O Thou, Who art the God of them that repent! Yea, evening after evening will I return, yea, out of the deep my soul crieth unto Thee. Lord, I have sinned against Thee; I have sinned grievously against Thee. I repent: Woe is me! I repent: Spare me, O Lord! I repent: Woe is me! I repent: Help my impenitence! Have pity! Spare me, O Lord! Lord, be merciful unto me; heal my soul: for I have sinned against Thee. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, after Thy great goodness: according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences. Forgive my guilt: Heal my sores: Blot out the stains of my soul: Deliver me from the shame, rescue me from the tyranny, of sin; and make me not a public example.

Deliver me, O Lord, from my troubles. Cleanse me from my secret faults. Keep Thy servant also from presumptuous sins. Impute not to me the wanderings of my mind, nor my idle words. Stop the black and filthy tide of unclean and unlawful thoughts. O Lord, my destruction is from myself. Whatsoever I have done amiss, graciously pardon. Deal not with us after our sins; neither reward us after our iniquities. Mercifully look upon our infirmities;

and for the glory of Thy most holy Name, turn from us all those evils and afflictions which are most justly and worthily due to our sins, and to us miserable sinners.

No. 2.

I CONFESS to Thee, O Lord, those sins which I now recall with shame, and which, if I would, I could not hide from Thee.

My sins of pride and vain-glory, of . . . . . These, O Lord, I acknowledge to have done through my own fault, my own most grievous fault, against Thy majesty and Thy honour. I am an unclean and sinful creature. I desire to be truly penitent, to be sharply sorry from the bottom of my heart, and to show forth the fruits of penitence in godly zeal. And therefore, in all lowliness and humility, I cry unto God for mercy, most sinful that I am, and unworthy of the least of all His mercies. O Thou, Whose nature and property it is to forgive sinners, and to have compassion upon all that truly turn to Thee, vouchsafe now, O Lord, of Thy great pity and goodness, to give me the comfort of absolution, and a perfect remission of all my sins; strengthen me in all good works henceforward and for ever, through the all-sufficient merits of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

No. 3.

FORGIVE me my sins, O Lord, forgiv me the sins of my youth and the sin of my age, the sins of my soul and the sin of my body, my secret and my whisperin sins, my crying and my presumptuous sins the sins that I have done to please mysel and the sins that I have done to please others Forgive me my wanton and idle sins. For give me my grievous and deliberate sins Forgive me those sins which I know, and th sins which I know not; the sins which have striven so long to hide from others, tha now I have even hidden them from my ow memory.

Forgive them, O Lord. Forgive them al and of Thy great goodness let me be absolve from my offences. For the sake of Thy dea Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 4.

I, a wretched sinner, here personall appearing and prostrate before th presence of the Everlasting God, and havin in remembrance the exceeding mercy of Hi great goodness towards me, glorify Him tha He hath created me out of nothing; that H hath lovingly preserved and sustained me when I was most unworthy of life; that H hath of His incomprehensible clemency

often invited me to repentance; and so patiently expected my conversion and amendment. I have in memory, that at the day of my baptism I was happily and holily vowed and dedicated unto God, to be His child, and to live in His continual service; yet, contrary to the profession which was then set out for me, I have so many times execrably and detestably violated my plain duties, profaned my sacred promises, and employed my soul to the service of the world, the flesh, and the devil, thereby despising the grace, and contemning the goodness of God's Divine majesty.

At length I recall myself, and in all lowliness and devoutness, cast myself soul and body prostrate before the dreadful throne of His justice.

I acknowledge, and confess, and I yield myself a most miserable, wretched sinner, worthy of that death and passion which Christ once suffered for me upon the Cross of torment. I turn myself to the throne of His infinite mercy, and with all my might, from the very bottom of my heart, detest the iniquities I now confess. I most humbly beg and crave pardon for the same, on the ground only of the most precious death and passion of my Saviour and Redeemer. Upon Whom, as the only foundation of my hope, I repose all my confidence. . . . . .

Unto Whom I promise and confirm, I avow and confess, and ratify and solemnly renew the sacred profession of loyal service and fidelity which was made in my name, and in my behalf, unto Him in my baptism and which I myself with my own mouth did reiterate, before I was myself confirmed by the bishop. . . . .

I renounce again unfeignedly the vanities of this wicked world, the lusts of my sinful flesh, and the suggestions of the devil. . . I desire, purpose, and fully resolve, to honour my most gracious, and tender-hearted, and long-suffering God and King, to serve, love and obey Him, now and henceforward for ever. I give and dedicate unto Him for this end the powers of my body, the faculties of my understanding, the affections of my heart and the directing of my will, to be His faithful, loyal, and obedient servant for ever.

And I most humbly beseech Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to confirm me in this constant resolution, and to accept of this my broken and contrite heart, entirely desiring His Fatherly goodness, that as He has given me a will and a will to purpose, so He will give me strength to bring the same to good effect, and to persevere unto the end, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

No. 5.

O LORD of all purity and holiness, Whose human nature was unstained by any imperfection, once and again I deplore *this miserable fault.* Time after time, my examination, poor as it is, reveals in its deformity this great obstacle to my spiritual life. Verily the law in my members wars against the law of my mind, so that I do that which I would not. But strengthen me, O Lord, to beat it down again and again! Humble me with this sharp thorn in the flesh! I repudiate all hope of overcoming it by my own strength. I have not even strength to be sorry as I ought for having yielded to the temptation. And therefore again I lie before Thee, my Saviour, my Intercessor, Who lovest me even as the Father loveth Thee. Burn out by the glow of Thy love all desire and hankering after this sin; and sanctify me wholly, as I walk before Thee.

O Lord, deny not Thy servant whom Thou hast called Thy friend. Grant me now repentance not to be repented of. For Thine own sake. Amen.

PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL GRACES.

For Faith.

LORD, I believe, help Thou my unbelief. Turn all the doubts that sometimes

afflict me into spurs towards entire trust in Thee. I acknowledge that faith is no easy acquirement. I humbly entreat Thee, Who dost at times show me its value by withholding it, to give it me as a most precious gift. Lord, I would fain believe with a childlike, unreluctant, unquestioning trust; and so believe, that my head may be wholly filled with that which I believe, and my heart may beat in accordance therewith. O Lord, Thou hast stirred me, so that I cannot rest in a dead, ineffectual faith. And now make it, I pray Thee, active, zealous, all engrossing, victorious; so working by love, that it sways and carries away triumphantly my whole being, to conform me to the image of Thee in Whom I trust. Give me a living, loving, active faith, that delights to count all visible things as dross, and endures, as seeing Thee, Who art invisible. Amen.

For Hopefulness.

O THOU, Who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, give me a firm grasp on a well founded hope! Let me not be filled with vain presumption, nor suffer me to think that Thou wilt ever either be reconciled to my sins, or reject my repentance. Let me build only on Thy promises, and *remember always* Thy conditions. And th

give me a comfortable security, as on an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast, entering even within the veil, and binding me fast to heaven, whither our Forerunner is entered, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Purity of Intention.

LORD, help me to cast out all unworthy motives. I sadly fear that my crooked and selfish purposes may spoil my work, and mar it as a contribution to Thy glory. Grant me, O Lord, a pure intention in all that I do, and a steadfast regard, and single eye to Thy glory. And to this end, possess my mind continually with Thy presence, and so fill it with the love of Thee, that my only object may be to gratify Thee by my faithful service! Be Thou light to my eyes, music to my ears, sweetness to my taste, and a full contentment to my heart. Be Thou my sunshine in the day, my covering in the night. Be all in all to me, Lord Jesus, for Thine own sake. Amen.

For Fear of God.

O LORD, Most High, Who only hast Almighty Power, possess my soul with a holy awe and reverence of Thee, that I may give Thee the honour due unto Thy great

Name, and may so reverently regard a
things which bear Thy mark, that I ma
never profane holy things, nor handle care
lessly what Thou hast set apart for Thysel
And may I never forget that Thou art a Go
Who wilt not clear the guilty! Let the drea
of Thy stern justice make me tremble to pro
voke Thee. O suffer me not so to misplac
my fear, as to be afraid of man that shall die
who passes away like a shadow, and be bol
against God Who is a consuming fire. Bu
steep my whole soul in that fear of The
which is the beginning of wisdom, whic
may be a bridle to all fleshly appetites; an
prepare me for a loving admiration of Th
Almightiness.

"Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, an
glorify Thy Name." Amen.

For Trust in God.

O LORD Jesus, Who never failest the
that trust in Thee, let me run to The
in all my trials and difficulties. Receive m
when I come to rest in Thee, to b
strengthened by Thee, to consult Thee, t
put my wishes in Thy hand.

Let me never lean on the broken reed
worldly succour. Thou hast promised perfe
peace to me if I depend only on The
Suffer not my heart to be overcharged w

cares and responsibilities, nor my spirits to be depressed with ill-success. But help me to do my part zealously and cheerfully, using all the means of help which Thou dost provide for me. And then let me cast all my care and anxiety on Thee, beseeching Thee only to pardon my ill use of Thy provision of earthly means. Lord, Thou knowest them that trust in Thee! I will put my trust in Thee, and be safe. Amen.

For Humility.

O BLESSED Jesus, I adore Thee for Thy special perfection in being meek and lowly in heart. And when I desire to follow Thee in this, my pride and my vainglory fight against Thy Spirit working in me. O Lord, my reason tells me that the servant must not be above his Master: and Thou hast commanded that the followers of Him, Who washed his disciples' feet, should do as He did to them. Lord, I would humble myself by accepting other men's opinion of myself, by recalling with shame my follies and meanness, my weakness and wilfulness, my silly obstinacy and blind wickedness, my petty cunning, my conceit, and unbelief in Thy eternal truth. I humbly thank Thee for the mortifications with which Thou hast lovingly checked my vanity. I pray Thee to preserve

For Calmness.

O LORD God of Israel, awful in trut and majesty, I beseech Thee to mak me still and calm before Thee. All that within me is transparent to Thy piercing ey Oh, disperse any mists of hypocrisy or u reality, with which I vainly try to veil mysel Take out of me all leaven of excitement, an all effervescence of transitory enthusiasm Subdue me entirely to steady, resolute, qui service, that I may live outwardly as become the unruffled calmness of Thy Holy Spir dwelling in me. O Lord, I would fain imita Thee in this great perfection of Thy huma nature, and in the midst of the turmoil of th world, be at perfect peace in union with Th majestic stillness! Let nothing disturb order and reverence of my conduct tow Thee. Let me walk firmly, and hope

and soberly, and trustfully, before Thee, as ever in Thy presence, in the secret sense of having Thine eye upon me, silent and calm. Amen.

For Wisdom and Discretion.

O GOD, Who givest to all men liberally and upbraidest not, Who hast promised that, if any lack wisdom and ask it of Thee, Thou wilt give it. I acknowledge my most grievous and utter want thereof. Give me indeed the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and counsel and knowledge. When I am right, do Thou confirm me. When I am wrong, do Thou correct me. Prepare my judgment by humility and purity; guide it by deference, and fortify it by a sense of Thy gracious assistance; and so give me, O Thou Wisdom of God, a right judgment in all things, for Thine own sake. Amen.

For Purity.

O LORD God of Holiness, Who dwelleth in light unapproachable, may I dare ask ıat the reflection of Thy purity may be seen me, Thine unworthy servant, whom Thou ıst constituted a temple of Thy Holy Spirit. Lord, Thou hast set me to do holy work in : world, keep me holy among the unholy.

O GOD, Who hast called me to this Th service, give me grace to seize unfai ingly all opportunities of doing Thy work keep me from all needless ties which may i any way hinder or distract me. Make me t abhor and shrink from all sloth, and langui slowness, in my labour. God forbid that b any lukewarmness I become nauseous unt Thee! Let me never hesitate at, or dela for selfish reasons, the duty of the hour. Bu enable me punctually and zealously to do a much as I can, and to throw my whol strength into the diligent discharge of m responsibilities; so that whenever my wor is cut off, I may be found striving earnest to finish that which Thou hast given m do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. An

For Sincerity.

O GOD, our Master and Judge, Who requirest truth in the inward parts, cleanse me, I beseech Thee, from all deceit and guile, from all hypocrisy and false pretence, from all exaggeration and excess of description; endue me with a burning love of truth, and courage to speak and maintain it. Let all that I do be done in simplicity and godly sincerity. Make me to be what I wish to seem to be, towards Thee, and towards men. Give me grace, O blessed Lord, to feel Thee ever present about me and within me, the witness and recorder of my thoughts, words, and deeds, that I may do all things heartily as unto Thee, and may live to Thee alone. Through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

For Self-control.

LORD, I earnestly desire to be master over my affections and desires, much more over my words and actions! Therefore do Thou be Master in me, and give me the Spirit of watchfulness, that I may never be urprised and taken unawares. O keep me om idle words. Set a watch, O Lord, efore my mouth, and keep the door of my s. And still more urgently do I pray, that ou wilt greatly help me to control my

thoughts. Restrain with bit and bridle a emotions of covetousness, or passiona anger, or pride, or concupiscence. Give n the skill of self-control, as well as the desi of it, and the will to exercise it. Stifle th wish of pleasing myself; and enable me, the deliberate intention of pleasing Thee, deport myself as Thy servant in my dai life; doing, speaking, and thinking the thing which are approved in Thy sight. Throug Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Meekness and Gentleness.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who in takin human nature upon Thee, didst acce the relationship of a son to a human moth only, and didst condescend to combine in single person all feminine excellence wi manly perfection, that Thou mightest be a example of life to women as well as to me and especially a pattern of meekness ar lowliness to all; I beseech Thee to give n such inward meekness, as may effectual counteract and restrain all self assertion ar pride. Make me to be very slow to thir myself unjustly treated, or set below my tr value. Subdue all inclination to angry fee ings; enlighten me to see and acknowledge tl superiority of others. Keep me from har *or hasty* judgment of their conduct, of th

opinions, of their work. Make me eager to discern all sparks of goodness, and ever ready to welcome them. And besides, O Lord, I pray that this grace may be manifested outwardly in my speech and actions. Soften, I beseech Thee, all abruptness and roughness of outward address, that I may be "gentle, showing all meekness to all men;" that "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit" may be set upon my face and manner; that others may be thereby refined and conciliated to peace and love; that I may glorify Thee by reflecting Thy consummate and glorious gentleness, and finally inherit Thy blessing on the meek. Grant this to me, O my Lord, for Thine own gentleness' sake. Amen.

For Obedience in Subordinate Positions.

O LORD God, I acknowledge Thy goodness and wisdom in appointing me to work for Thee in a subordinate position. I desire, not to mind high things, but to give my full strength to little things, to the details of my daily duty. I come to Thee now, O Lord, for Thy merciful help in this, to do it well, and cheerfully, and gladly. Give me the special gift of helping the higher offices. Make me most punctually obedient to those whom Thou hast set over me; and while I

endeavour to lighten their cares by ready sympathy, give me grace to be thankful that my responsibility is less weighty. Help me to serve Thee patiently and hopefully, as one of the less honourable members, so that abasing myself here, I may be exalted hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Temperance.

SUFFER me not, O Lord, by any folly of mine to turn Thy bounty into unlawful indulgence; but give me the spirit of temperance and sobriety, that in eating or drinking my appetites may be satisfied, not gratified, and that my table be not a snare unto me, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Zeal and Courage.

ALMIGHTY God, who by Thy holy Apostle has taught us that it is good to be zealously affected in a good thing; inspire me, I beseech Thee, with such a love of Thy truth, and such a zeal for Thy honour, that Thy service may become perfect freedom, and the labour assigned to me by Thee may be my chosen rest. Give me courage manfully to confess Thee before men, and to contend earnestly, when need arises, for the *faith once* delivered to the saints. A-

let me not be daunted or dismayed by opposition or hostility, knowing that the friendship of the world is enmity with God. Yet grant me withal, O blessed Lord, the spirit of Christian charity, that I may count no man as an enemy (except when he fights against Thee), but may speak the truth in love, and behave with meekness towards those that oppose themselves, lest I hinder Thy work by my sin, and forfeit Thy blessing: and this I beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

For Patience.

O LORD Jesus Christ, God of patience and consolation, I desire humbly of Thee that I may possess my soul in patience. I know that tribulation worketh patience, and that I need it sadly in things great and small, in every-day wants (*in the aching of sickness,*) (*in the decay of age,*) (*in the contempt of those who do not like me,*) (*in hopelessness of efforts,*) (*in*, &c.). But I desire, O Lord, to keep the word of Thy patience, to think of Thee under all provocations and irritations. Thou knowest all my trouble and trials, be they ever so petty. Thou knowest every pang of my heart, every sharp word I have to endure, every disappointment in my work, every difficulty and delay which chills me, and I know that Thou

lovest me. I will endure all for the sake of that love, for the sake of approving myself as united to Thee, and to Thy consummate patience. Keep me then under the shadow of Thy long-suffering love, keep me still and motionless, that I offend Thee not by any impatience, that I may be content to work on in hope, and chiefly that I may glorify Thee in running the race that is set before me. And this I ask through Thy merits. Amen.

For Sobriety and Chastity.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, to Whom our inmost thoughts are known, and Who hast warned us that without holiness we shall never behold Thee; defend me, I beseech Thee, both in body and mind, from every taint and stain of fleshly sin. Set a watch before my eyes, and seal my ears, so that neither sight nor sound may enter in to pollute me. O let Thy blessed Spirit descend upon me, and preserve me chaste and temperate, sober and spotless, clean and undefiled, that my body may be a holy temple, and my soul a sanctuary fit for Thee to dwell in. Kindle the holy fire of Thy love in my heart, cleanse me, and sanctify me, and make me wholly Thine, that I may glorify Thee in my body and my spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Perseverance.

O ETERNAL and unchangeable Lord God, Who art the same yesterday, today, and for ever, be pleased to communicate some small ray of that excellency, some degree of that stability, to me, Thy wretched creature, so light and inconstant, and turned about with every blast. Thou well knowest, O Lord, how my understanding is weak and easily deceived. O establish it in Thy truth, keep me from the snares of seducing spirits, that I may not be led away into error. Thou well knowest, O Lord, how irresolute and wavering my will is. O make it steadfast in following Thine! Keep me from the contagion of worldliness, that I may never be shaken from my duty to Thee. Lord, Thou seest my weakness, and the number and strength of my temptations. O guide me and strengthen me in the struggle, that I be not faint-hearted, or double-minded, or lukewarm. But make me, I beseech Thee, resolute to do Thy will, steadfast, immovable, in the path Thou hast pointed out to me; that I may abound in Thy work, and patiently continue in Thy service, through the merits of my Saviour and Captain, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Mortification and Self-denial.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Whos only begotten Son was pleased to b made perfect through sufferings, and di command us, if we would come after Him, t deny ourselves, and take up the cross daily mercifully grant unto Thy servant the spir of mortification and self-denial, that bein delivered from the bondage of corruption, may obey Thee with a willing mind, and fin delight in Thy commandments. Give m power over the desires and affections of th flesh, and grace to put from me the love o earthly pleasure, ease, profit, and honou Enable me to exercise a wise abstinenc from things lawful, that I may not b brought under the power of creatures, an may have the strength to withstand whe tempted. Accustom me to prefer Thy orde ing to my own choice, even as I am taugh by the holy example of Thy dear Son; tha having watched with Him the one hour o this mortal life, and being crucified with Hi to sin, I may be raised to live again wit Him in glory everlasting. For His sak Amen.

For Contentment.

MAKE me contented, I most humbl *pray* Thee, O God; contented wi

my outward circumstances, with my inward gifts; contented with all, save myself and my own unprofitable service. Give me such a sense of my own undeservings, of the merits of others, and above all of Thy most loving and accurate care for me, in guiding all the circumstances of my life, that I may cast all my care upon Thee, and cheerfully apply myself to showing forth my thankfulness in my life. Keep me from restlessness and covetousness, that in quietness and confidence I may live out my life here, and not be ashamed on my death-bed of vain and foolish hankerings after change. Keep me from envy of others, and from the ingratitude of desiring more of this world's gifts than Thou hast in Thy wisdom entrusted to my responsibility. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Love of Objects of Work.

LORD, I am ready to do my appointed work through good report and evil report, in prosperity and adversity, in success and failure, in pleasure and in pain. I know that steady labour is distasteful to the natural man, and that it must surely conflict with the desires of the mind and of the flesh. Nevertheless, not for my satisfaction, but for greater success in Thy service, I entreat, O

Lord, that my affections as well as my du
may be engaged therein, that I may lo
even to do that which is irksome to mysel
for the earnest desire of a success which ma
redound to Thy glory. And therefore
fervently desire such love for Thee, and f
those to whom I minister, that their welfa
may be very dear to my heart, and thus th
my task may be truly a labour of love. F
Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

For Cheerfulness and Courtesy.

HELP me, O Lord, to keep the thought
self so completely under restraint, th
in all my intercourse with others I may b
quite free, first to do them good, and second
to give them pleasure. Give me such regar
for their feelings, that I may not only avoi
unnecessary offence, but go as far as possib
in conciliating their good-will, without sacr
ficing Thy truth, or the consistency of m
conduct. Dispose me to be cheerful wit
gravity, and courteous without flattery, s
that in all things I may please my neighbo
to his edification. Through Jesus Christ o
Lord. Amen.

For Sisterly Love in a Community.

O LORD God, Who hast commanded
all to love one another, I feel th

Thou must surely expect those whom Thou hast called together to live in this community to be singular examples of forbearance and love to each other. O let me not fail in my part! Thou knowest my difficulties! But do Thou guide me and strengthen me to attain such gentleness and humility that I may really think others better than myself, and conciliate even those who are unwilling to be conciliated. Give me the disposition to take a lenient and charitable view of my sisters' defects, and to turn my eyes from them as much as possible. Be it far from me to direct attention to them, or to join in observing them sharply, still less to exaggerate them. Give me the spirit to put the best construction on my sisters' actions, entirely to abstain from all harsh judgments, from all impatience and irritability of temper. I know, O Lord, that they have much to overlook in myself! Wherefore I desire the power of governing my tongue carefully, of saying and doing as far as possible such things as may please them. I would fain be a bond of union between opposite temperaments. Wherefore, O Lord, give me a strong sense of gratitude to each of them for many a kindness bestowed upon me; and an earnest desire to requite them, and honour Thee, by loving them sincerely, so that we may set forth an example of harmony and mutual

love in this Thy house. Through Jes
Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Reverence.

O LORD God most high, Who humble
Thyself to behold the things in th
heavens; Who art most awful in power, an
majesty, and glory inconceivable; Who ha
condescended to reveal Thyself and Th
goodness to us, as far as our weakness ca
bear; O fill me, I pray, with fear an
trembling love; fill me with most humb
reverence for Thyself, and all that belongs t
Thy holy Name. Especially, O Lord, let m
never dare to show any disrespect by gestur
or word, or thought, to Thy holy word an
sacraments, to Thy house and ministers, t
the forms of Thy Church's worship. An
make this inward reverence a principle of m
very soul, that I may have a horror of a
that shocks it, and may set forth in my whol
conduct the indwelling of Thy most Hol
Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL OCCASION AND NEEDS.

On Entering upon a New Sphere of Lif

O LORD, the guide and director, th
helper and the comforter of all wh

seek Thee with their whole heart, and depend upon Thee; I humbly present myself before Thy Divine Majesty, beseeching Thy favour and blessing upon this new sphere of life.

I acknowledge that nothing will prosper in my hands without Thy help. I implore Thee to guide, and instruct, and furnish, and assist me in this condition of life, into which, by Thy permission and calling, I am about to enter.

I sorrowfully confess that I have missed and abused many an opportunity of serving Thee in my past life. I desire to be more dutiful henceforward, and to pass the remaining part of my sojourning here in diligently doing Thy will. Pardon me therefore, most merciful Father, according to Thy promises to penitent sinners; and vouchsafe to give me the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that I may clearly and fully perceive the duties and responsibilities which I am now about to undertake. Give me a sincere and hearty intention to discharge them; give me a willing mind, and a cheerful unwearied spirit in all my work. Bless me with the great talent of an observant and charitable discretion, to discern the qualities and dispositions of those with whom I shall be associated henceforth, that I may delight to study their content and satisfaction, to bear with their infirmities, to co-operate with them

in serving Thee, to choose the fittest opportunities of doing them good, and to please them always to their edification.

O Lord, I entreat Thy blessing upon this step. I trust that I take it by Thy leave, and under Thy guidance. I commit my future life into Thy hands, looking to Thee as the beginning and the ending, the author and the finisher of my faith. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded. Amen.

On the Anniversary of Birthday.

BLESSED be God, Who created me in His image; for causing me to be born of Christian parents in a Christian country; for giving me my members and my senses perfect; for bringing me to holy baptism, and granting to me the inestimable gift of regeneration; for accepting me and strengthening me in confirmation; for imparting to me so often the most precious food of the Body and Blood of Christ; for my preservation during my past life, and especially during the year now elapsed.

The Good Lord forgive me the great waste of the time allotted me for working out my salvation! of the many days of health and strength spent in vanity! of the manifold opportunities of doing good which I have

lost! O Lord, I owe Thee doubly all that is left to me by Thy long-suffering. Grant that I may henceforward be a diligent steward of my time, and of all Thy other gifts. Make me so thankful for all Thy mercies, that I may continually desire only to make proof of my gratitude. Make me full of godly indignation against myself, on account of my oft repeated sins, and earnestly desirous to listen to Thy Holy Spirit. O Lord God of the living, whether living or dying I am Thine! May the day of my death be better than the day of my birth. And before the night cometh when no man can work, may my sins be forgiven, and my pardon sealed in heaven! So that I may have a place of rest among Thy faithful servants in the Paradise of God, until the Good Lord awake me to everlasting life, through the merits of my Blessed Saviour. Amen.

On the Anniversary of a Death.

O LORD, Who hast taught us not only to pray, but to give thanks for all men, I return my humblest thanks and praise for the grace Thou hast wrought in Thy saints, and bestowed in Thy Holy Church throughout the world. For all Thy servants, and especially for . . . . . who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear, I praise and

magnify Thy glorious Name; most humbly desiring of Thy mercy and goodness, that I may continue in their holy communion, and may follow with all diligence their good example; so that finally we may attain together to the resurrection of the just, and have our perfect consummation and bliss both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Anniversary of Confirmation.

O LORD, Who as on this day didst admit me to be strengthened by Thy Holy Spirit in the ordinance of Confirmation, I beseech Thee to bless the remembrance thereof to me. I glorify Thee that Thou didst then allow me to make solemn profession of my various duties to Thee, and to declare myself Thine for ever. Forgive the many failures and rebellions of which I have since been guilty, and enable me still to listen for and obey the suggestions of Thy good Spirit, and to persevere in His strength unto my life's end. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Reading Holy Scripture Privately.

LORD, I humbly desire Thy help to keep my Lord Jesus ever before my eyes while reading Thy holy Word. Give me the deepest reverence for it. Preserve me from all taint of unbelief and error. Grant that all I learn may bear fruit in amendment of life, and in increase of faith and love and usefulness in Thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 1.—Before Visiting the Poor.

(*For a Man.*)

O LORD God, I humbly give myself to this service of preparing the way for the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries. I desire Thy help to reach those whom they find such difficulty in reaching and influencing. Be with me, O Lord, in finding the working men, and in endeavouring to make them see the misery of trying to live without Thee. Give me skill and discretion in understanding their feelings, in meeting their prejudices, in instructing their ignorance, in answering their doubts and objections, and in touching their hearts with the words of Thy love. Increase, O Lord, my love for them, and my earnest desire to serve Thee. And bring them to be faithful humble

members of Thy holy Church, rejoicing in their hope, and living soberly, and godly, and to Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.—(*For a Woman.*)

O LORD, I am Thy handmaiden. I go to prepare the way before the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries; grant that I may be discreet in all that I say or do; and that in all womanly gentleness I may win to Thy love the hearts of those I visit. I desire to arouse in them the hunger and thirst after righteousness. I desire to help them to cleanliness and decent comfort in their homes, to purity of domestic life, both in word and deed. I desire to seek out those who require the office of the priest in anything, and by quiet and cautious influence to bring them to apply for the same. I desire to lead other women to live soberly and godly, to be keepers at home, obedient to their husbands and careful of their children. I desire especially to be the bearer of good to the little ones, and in all my visiting to breathe a spirit of tenderness, and peace, and holiness, that Thy holy Name may be glorified in my feeble efforts. And for all these I humbly and earnestly ask Thy ever-present help. O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

Before Teaching.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who didst condescend to be subject to earthly parents, and to grow in wisdom, and didst give especial charge to Thine Apostle to feed the lambs of Thy flock; grant now Thy Holy Spirit to me, and to all who have charge of the young, that we may, with sound discretion and faithful diligence, train them in godly discipline, to adorn the doctrine of our God and Saviour in all that they learn. Make me patient with the dull, calm and good-tempered with the froward and disobedient, firm with the idle, encouraging with the timid, and gentle and loving with all. Give me not only a full understanding of what I teach, but clearness in expressing myself. And that I may duly discharge my trust of instructing Thy little ones, make me continually to learn under Thy eye, O Blessed Lord, that I may bring forth out of my treasures things old and new, and sow the seed of eternal life in the hearts of those I teach, through Thy help. Amen.

When Employed in Nursing the Sick.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who during Thy blessed ministry didst most lovingly, and frequently, exert Thy Divine power in

healing all manner of sickness and infirmi
I pray for Thy especial help in the holy du
of ministering to Thy diseased and afflict
members. Give me, I beseech Thee, a d
sense of the responsibility and honour of r
work. Fill me with heartfelt compassion f
those on whom I tend. Endue me with
gentle firmness of head and hand. Ma
me tender, and patient, and skilful in relie
ing discomfort and assuaging pain. Enal
me to soothe the fretful and impatient,
cheer the desponding, to console the sa
Help me to set an example of self-denial a
watchfulness to my subordinates. Make r
courageous in difficulties, ready in em
gencies, always most carefully obedient to t
physicians and surgeons, punctual and ca
ful in small things. And while I minister
the bodies of the sick, assist me, O Lo
constantly to endeavour, in all woman
gentleness and humility, to lead their thoug
upward, and direct them inward, so that th
may be prepared for the office of t
physician of the soul, and be healed a
comforted both in body and mind. O Lo
grant that I may please Thee in all parts
this my service, and that it may be for t
honour of Thy holy Name. To Whom
glory for ever and ever. Amen.

BEFORE READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES TO OTHERS, OR EXERCISING THE OFFICE OF READER.

O GOD, I return Thee humble thanks for the great honour of directly helping Thy servants the clergy in the ministration of Thy holy Word. Make me diligent to read it plainly, and distinctly, and intelligently, to the conversion and edification of Thy people, and for their instruction in the meaning thereof. May I never pretend to understand it when I do not. May I never misinterpret it in the smallest degree. May I never follow my own judgment therein to differ from the doctrine of the Church. And to this end make me heartily to love and reverence Thy holy Scriptures. I humbly beg that Thy Spirit may help me to prepare for this ministration in private prayer and study before venturing upon it, and that He may make me specially watchful against self-confidence and self-pleasing in it.

Lastly, O Lord, I desire to do it entirely for Thy glory, in all humility and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A WOMAN ENGAGED IN HELPING MISSIONARY WORK ABROAD.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who hast committed a share in the work of making

Thee known to the heathen unto me, Thy unworthy servant; give me strength, and courage, and all other necessary graces for so great and loving a work. Give me first a life-long repentance of my own sins, and cherish in me a continual growth in holiness, not only for my own sake, but for the sake of the heathen who see me; that the working of Thy Spirit may appear in me, in my life and example; that I may be transparent with the Light of the world shining forth in me and from me. Give me zeal and discretion to set forth Thee and Thy gospel to all men who come in contact with me. Give me humility and obedience to be duly subordinate to the clergy whom I help. And may I do something, O Lord, for Thee, especially among those of my own sex, to allure them unto Thee, Who art graciously waiting to receive them, that they may be gathered into Thy fold, and acknowledge Thee as their God and Saviour, and be saved. For Thine own sake, O Lord, I ask this with all my heart. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A LAY HELPER.
No I.

O THOU, Who hast by Thy Divine Providence appointed divers orders of ministers in Thy Church, and hast committed *to each order* the separate duties of it

eculiar office, but still dost encourage all hy people to minister to Thee; look merifully upon me and on my desire to aid Thy ervants, the clergy, in my proper place in he Church. O Lord, I thank Thee for the leisure which Thou hast given me in the midst of my worldly occupation. I desire to dedicate a portion of it directly to Thy service. Enable me, in whatever I undertake for the good of others in Thy fear and love, to persevere in it steadily as in Thy sight, to sanctify all I do by prayer; and when I would teach the ignorant, to seek humbly myself to be taught by Thy holy Word, and by Thy Spirit. Save me from all temptations to vainglory and self-righteousness. May I be stirred to supply the needs of others by ever deeply feeling my own need of help and guidance from above; and grant, O Lord, that my intercourse with sinful souls, for which Christ died, and the sight of the misery which sin has brought into the world, may ever make me cling closer to Thee, and feel more truly thankful for the blessings of Thy gospel. Grant this, O Father, through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

BLESS, O Lord, this our association. Knit us together in Thy love by the bond of

orderly discipline and common devotion t Thy service. Prosper our various works thi day; and remember, O Lord, for good, ou bishop, and all my fellow workers. Througl Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for a Member of a Community.
No 1.

O ETERNAL God, our Heavenly Father Who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house, give me grace to order my life in lowliness and reverence to those above me, in kindness and gentleness to those beneath me, in godly love towards all (and especially my *sisters*), that ever esteeming others better than myself, I may dwell here in perpetual peace and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

I GLORIFY Thee, O Lord, for the great privilege which Thou hast lovingly conferred upon me, by planting me in this home, and surrounding me with an atmosphere of godliness.

I heartily thank Thee for having so far taken me out of the difficulties and dangers of the world, for withdrawing me from many evil influences of company and conversation, for preserving me from the overpowering

contagion of a worldly tone of thought and standard of life.

O make me to realize the responsibilities of this blessing. I desire to show Thee how I value this peace, by striving to maintain it outwardly and inwardly, by yielding myself to the spiritual atmosphere around me.

Help me, O Lord, never to mar the harmony of pious life here. Grant that it may so influence and mould my own character, that I may myself contribute to the edification of my sisters, and that we may be throughout a holy company, acceptable unto Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 3.

O LORD, Who by Thy providence didst bring me into this community, assist me, I pray Thee, to observe its rules faithfully, and incline me always to give myself willingly and thoroughly to any work which shall be appointed to me.

O Lord, I thank Thee with my whole heart for the kindness and sympathy of my sisters, which have soothed and refreshed me when fatigued, and cheered me when disheartened, and so often comforted and consoled me. Enable me to make a worthy return of loving gratitude towards them. I now implore Thy blessing on this com-

supe-
Thy love, O -
to the bitter cross -
Amen.

Prayer for a Deaconess.

No. 1.

ALMIGHTY God, Who didst call Phœbe and other holy women to help Thy Church, and hast called me to a like ministration, I give Thee most humble thanks for the honour Thou hast put upon me. Fill me with all Christian graces, that by my labour and good example I may faithfully serve Thee, to the glory of Thy Name, and the good of Thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, Who didst lay upon me the duty of ministering to the poor, the sick, and the ignorant, and of helping the ministers of Thy Word and Sacraments, pardon all my indolence, and neglect, and faultiness in the performance thereof; and enable me by Th help to do it ever more and more diligent and lovingly. Pardon my imperfect obedien

to all who have been over me in the Lord; help me to accomplish henceforward whatever service shall be appointed to me cheerfully and faithfully, so that in all departments of this holy life I may fulfil my service acceptably, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

O ALMIGHTY God, I pray Thee to look upon me, Whom Thou hast called to this office, and to whom Thou hast entrusted divers duties and ministries in Thy Church. O grant me abundant supplies of Thy grace to strengthen my weakness, and to fit me for the exercise of so great an office. Suffer me not to lower it by lightness, or by want of zeal or diligence. Let no failing or infirmity of mine hinder Thy work; and far less put a stumbling-block in the way of others. Give me patience, and constancy, and resolution, to endure all things for Thy sake, and especially in ministering to the poor, the sick, and the needy. And give me power to act consistently with my profession, and to lead a spotless and holy life. Make me to abound in Christian love towards my fellow workers, and towards all men; and that loving Thee above all things, I may love that which Thou most command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER IN ANTICIPATION OF BEING ADMITTED DEACONESS.

O ETERNAL God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator both of man and woman, Who didst replenish Miriam, and Deborah, and Anna, and Huldah, with the Spirit, Who didst not disdain that Thine only-begotten Son should be born of a woman; look upon me, who desires to be set apart for the office of deaconess. Cleanse me by the power of the Holy Ghost from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, that I may worthily accomplish the work committed to me, to the glory of Thy Name. Make me meet both for skill in womanly ministrations, and for godly life and conversation, to exercise this office. Help me, diligently and lovingly, to minister to the poor, the sick, and the ignorant; and in all humility, and godly submission, to set aside all unwomanly usurpation of authority in the church, and to help the ministers of Thy word and sacraments. Help me to be obedient to them who are over me in the Lord, and cheerfully and faithfully to perform the service that shall be appointed to me. Give me a steadfast purpose to grow more efficient in all parts of this office, and to continue in it perseveringly and bravely, unless manifestly called out of it by the unmistakeable voice of Thy holy will. *And make* my calling to this place, and

dignity in Thy church, a means and help to my own eternal salvation and closest unity with Thee, both now and hereafter. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer in anticipation of joining a Community.

O LORD God, I most humbly beseech Thee to bless this design of giving myself to live and work with this community. I acknowledge my unfitness, and the greatness of the duties which I undertake. I throw myself, as Thy child, upon Thee for guidance, and even now beseech Thee not to let me join this community unless it be to Thy glory and my own salvation. But if Thou dost call me, O Lord, as I believe, I come to Thee obediently, confessing all my defects and disqualifications, which Thou, O Lord, knowest right well. I acknowledge, and confess unto Thee especially . . . . . I pray Thee that the remaining time of my probation may suffice to enable me to eradicate all tendency to these. I prostrate myself before Thee, and cry to Thee for all that I require — even obedience to my superiors—sisterly love to my equals—steadfastness and perseverance in my work and my purposes—good temper, and courtesy to all—and an earnest, deep-seated humility and

tenderness, so that I may never stand upon my dignity, or hesitate to set an example of womanly usefulness on all occasions. Finally, O Lord, I entreat that my joining this community may be the happiness of all its members; and last of all, that I may confidently rejoice in obeying Thy calling herein, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Time of Perplexity.

O GOD of light, and truth, and goodness, may Thy Holy Spirit direct us in this season of perplexity. Let us faithfully consider what shall be required of us, that we may see our duty, and avoid the paths of error and danger. Let nothing seduce us from a settled purpose of doing what we believe to be most acceptable to Thee. And grant that we may omit nothing that we ought to do, in order to be rightly informed and wisely directed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Time of Temptation.

O HEAVENLY Father, for Thy Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy on me, and succour me in this trial, in this assault of the evil one. Deliver my soul from his craft and his power; send Thy holy angels to defend me. Bring forth the spear

and stop the way against them that pursue me; enable me either to withstand firmly or to flee in safety to Thee. Without Thee I am helpless, with Thee I can do all things! According to Thy blessed will, O Lord, deliver me. O let me not be disappointed of my hope. Amen.

In Time of Ill-success and Discouragement.

O ALMIGHTY God, Father and Lord of all creatures, who hast disposed all things and all chances, so as may best glorify Thy wisdom, serve the ends of Thy justice, and magnify Thy mercy; by secret and indiscernible ways bringing good out of evil; we humbly beseech Thee to give us wisdom from above, that we may adore Thee, and admire Thy ways and footsteps, which are in the great deep, and not to be searched out. Teach us to submit to Thy Providence in all things; to be content in all changes of persons and conditions; in prosperity to be temperate, and to read our duty in the lines of Thy mercy; in adversity to be meek, patient, and resigned, and to look through the cloud, that we may wait for the consolation of the Lord, and the day of redemption; in the mean time doing our duty with an unwearied diligence, and an undisturbed resolution, laying up our hopes in heaven,

and being strengthened with Thy spirit in the inner man, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Time of Depression.

O THOU great Physician of men, I come to Thee for relief from the pressure which lies sadly upon my spirits. Indeed my work seems all unsatisfactory, my efforts so feeble as to be useless, and I not improving in energy, or devotion, or saintliness. My whole heart is sick, my mind out of tune, and my faculties disabled even for praying to Thee as I ought. To Thee, as my sure refuge, I betake myself for help. As this depression is Thy visitation, I willingly submit to it, I resolve to bear it as my own infirmity without repining. Yet with unfeigned resignation to Thy will, I humbly supplicate Thee to remove it in Thy good time. Restore to me soon, I pray Thee, a cheerful composure of mind, a firm trust in Thy overruling providence, and a simple devotion of all my efforts and energies to Thy glory, so that in patience and hope may quietly work on until Thou shalt came to rest with Thee in Paradise; unto which blessed place vouchsafe to bring me with all saints, there to await the resurrection of the just, and eternal glory in heavenly world without end. Amen.

On Seeing Others Sin.

O LORD, Who didst die for us, forgive them in this! I need sorely forgiveness myself; and what am I that I should intercede for others! But Thou who didst listen to Abraham, listen even now when I pray to Thee, to intercede Thyself for these Thy thoughtless children. Bring them back, I humbly dare ask, to the way of repentance and life. Let not the stain of this sin rest on me who see it, or on them who do it. But let it be washed out at once and for ever by the merits of Thy death and passion. Amen.

In Personal Affliction.

O BLESSED Jesus, I ought to think it an honour that I am called to bear a cross after Thee. O fit and prepare me for this burden which Thou hast now laid upon me! and do Thou help me to bear it willingly and with resignation. O my Lord, I cannot but be very sad under it. I cannot but feel faint and weary. But Thou wilt prevent me from being hopeless and murmuring. I want patience, and Thou canst give it me. I want to keep myself still, and Thou canst calm me. And when the pangs of this affliction are lightened for a time, let me gain a great step upward in humble hope. So when they return and press keenly and almost un-

bearably upon me, I may still feel that relief is at hand, and be comforted, and find Thy hand outstretched over me, to draw me to Thyself, and subdue my impatience, and heal my sore heart. . . . . Lord, I will turn myself to think of Thy agony of soul; of Thy desolation, when Thou wast forsaken of God! And what is my sorrow compared to Thine? though I be indeed in want of some of Thy comforts, yet not of all; though I be chastened, yet I am not forsaken; though I be cast down, yet I am not destroyed; yea, even though my outward man decay and perish, yet let my inward man be renewed daily. "Lord, I wait on Thee!" "I thank Thee! I take courage!" Amen.

In Sickness.

No. 1.

O BLESSED Jesus, Who didst suffer and die, and art able to feel for my sorrow; I receive this sickness from Thee, and look up to Thee for comfort and help. Grant me now to be patient and meek, as Thou wast. Pardon all my sins, and give me the help of Thy grace. Let Thy blessing be upon all the means I am using to get well, and bring me to health again if it be Thy holy will; but if not, then take me, of Thy great mercy, as shall please Thee, out of this present suffe *to a happy rest* with Thee. Amen.

No. 2.

O LORD, I beseech Thee now to wean my affection from all things here elow, and to fill me with an ardent desire to e with Thee, which is far better. Lord, I eseech Thee, make me to will this, as I do elieve it. Fit me for Thyself, prosper this hastisement to me, and then call me to joy nspeakable and full of glory, when Thou leasest, and that for the sake of Thine only on Jesus, my Saviour. Amen.

No. 3.

O LORD Jesus, I desire neither life nor death, but Thy most holy will. Thou rt the King, O Lord, that I look for; be it nto me according to Thy good pleasure. f it be Thy will, O Lord, that I die, receive ıy soul; and grant that in Thee, and with hee, I may attain everlasting rest. If it be hy will to let me live any longer upon earth, ive me grace to amend the rest of my life, ıd with good works to glorify Thy Holy ame. Amen.

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF SICKNESS.

GLORY be to Thee, O heavenly Father, Who in Thy Wisdom knowest what is est for me. Lord, if it seem good in Thy ght, divert this sickness from me, which I

now feel seizing on me, that I may employ my health to Thy praise and glory. But if Thou art pleased that it should grow on me, I willingly submit to Thy afflicting hand. For Thou Who art wont to chastise those whom Thou dost love, wilt never lay on me more than I am able to bear. I know, O my God, that Thou layest this sickness on me for my good, even to humble and reform me. O grant that it may work that saving effect on me. O Lord, create in me a true penitent sorrow for all my sins past, a steadfast faith in Thee, and sincere resolutions of amendment. Deliver me from all frowardness and impatience, and give me entire resignation to Thy Divine Will. O suffer not the disease to take away my senses; and do Thou continually supply my mind with holy thoughts and ejaculations. O Lord, bless all the means used for my recovery, and restore me to health in Thine own good time. And if Thou hast otherwise appointed for me, Thy will be done! Amen.

In Pain.

O LORD, Thou knowest all things! Thc seest my pain and suffering. O l Thou me up above it, to think of Thy pa *suffe*red for me! Was ever any pain li *unto Thine?* and Thou wert ever whc

innocent. O save me and deliver me, for Thy mercy's sake. So far as I can, I offer up this my pain to Thee, rejoicing in it if it be coupled with Thy sufferings, if Thou be with me now, to feel for me, to soothe me, to cheer me, to pity me. O good Lord, grant me Thy loving nearness, and speak peace to my soul, for it listens to Thee. Draw me, and I will eagerly follow Thee in this Thine own path of suffering. O search my heart, and root out of it everything that displeases Thee. Shed abroad Thy love in it. Pour out upon it Thy refreshing streams of holiness. Be absolute master of my thoughts, and let them not run away from Thee. O Lord, Thou hast in Thy providence sent this pain, and Thou canst take it away! Lord, I surrender myself contentedly to Thy will. Thy will be done. Amen.

In Sleeplessness.

O LORD Jesus, Who didst spend nights in watching and prayer, help me now to use this sleeplessness to Thy glory, by following Thy holy example, and being still, and contented, and resigned. Give me a share, O Lord, in those Thy prayers. If I cannot pray earnestly, at least, O Lord, I can feel Thy gracious presence, and rest my soul on Thee. Keep me from wandering thoughts

and distractions, and bind me fast to Thee to the joy of forgiveness, and the hope o glory, through Thy merits. Amen.

On Recovering from Illness.

THOU hast heard my prayers, O Lord and the prayers made for me in faith and Thou hast raised me up from my sick ness, and given me the expectation of re covery. I praise and glorify Thy mercifu goodness for this favour; for this Th extended long-suffering towards me; for thi further time given me for repentance, anc amendment, and sanctification, and service And I beseech Thee, O Lord, to make m thankfulness life-long, that it may perma nently appear in my life, in great advance o holiness, and purity, and love of Thee. I beseech Thee to make my good resolution to last and abide, that I may not be one o the unthankful ones, and sin again, and a worse thing come unto me. Especially, C Lord, I entreat Thee, that as Thou restores strength to my body, so Thou wilt also to m mind; that I may not be fretful and im patient in the progress to soundness, not look with regret upon the gradual withdrawal o invalid indulgences, but brace myself, b Thy gracious help, to an active wholeson *tone of mind* and affection, and long only f

entire return to Thy service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On Abatement of Pain.

BLESSED be Thy mercy, O Lord, Who hast pitied me in my misery. Even as a father pitieth his children, so hast Thou pitied me. O Lord, I will love Thee, and sing of Thy mercy. In my distress I will always trust in Thee, and not be afraid. I will remember this Thine act of mercy to me. For Thou art our strength when we suffer, and our merciful deliverer when we can endure no more. To Thee be glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

During a Parochial Mission.

O MOST merciful Jesus, Who hast said, I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance, look graciously upon this parish. Subdue and convert the hearts of all careless and godless sinners, of all whom the subtlety of sin has deceived, or the darkness of ignorance has blinded, that they may be drawn to Thee, and find light and truth in Thee, most merciful Lord. Amen.

On the Amendment of a Sick Friend.

GREAT and mighty God, Who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up

again, I bless Thy goodness in having turned our heaviness into joy, and our mourning into gladness, by restoring our friend to some degree of *her* former health. Blessed be Thy Name, that Thou didst not forsake *her* in *her* sickness, but didst visit *her* with comfort from above, didst support *her* in patience and submission to Thy will, and at last didst send *her* seasonable relief. Perfect, I beseech Thee, this Thy mercy towards *her*, and prosper the means which shall be made use of towards *her* perfect cure; so that, being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *she* may be able to go to Thy house, to offer Thee an oblation with great gladness, and to bless Thy holy name for all Thy goodness towards *her*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Time of Infectious Disease.

O LORD, the strength of all that trust in Thee, according to Thy promise I beseech Thee for an especial gift of holy courage in this time of trial. I know that I take my life in my hand, to spend myself in ministering to the sick and dying. I entreat Thee for a special gift of entire repentance of my sins, for a clear conscience before Thee and for a steady confidence in Thy lov *which no* danger can weaken or sh

Enable me to set a good example of cheerfulness, and hope, and resignation to Thy will, before all, and particularly before the relatives of the sick. Replace in me all selfish and fearful thoughts by simple reliance on Thee, and make me an instrument of glorifying Thee, by taking me or sparing me, as shall seem good in Thy sight. And if death await me in my ministrations, I know that I shall find my life in losing it. Therefore into Thy hands I resign myself absolutely, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On a Summons During the Night.

O LORD, Who didst allow Thine own rest and leisure to be broken, when wearied with ministering the bread of life to others, and didst go out to them at their importunity, and wast moved with compassion toward them, overcome now the sense of my weariness, with the desire of being in all things Thy follower, and graciously unite me closer to Thee, in this my service for Thy sake. Amen.

On the Death of a Sister in a Community.

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, in Whose hand are the issues of life and death, so that when Thou speakest the word, we turn again to our dust, and all our thoughts

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on us at this time.
nd submit to Thy providence
eleased Thy servant from the misery
his sinful world, and left us in sorrow and
sadness. Thou hast taken her to Thyself,
and left us to lament her departure. O
merciful and loving Father, Thou doest all
things well, and of Thy very faithfulness dost
cause us to be troubled. Thou wilt not
blame our human sorrow, for our Lord Jesus
wept for His friend. Give us a calm and
lowly resignation. Thou hast loosened one
more link which bound us to earth, may it
now bind us to heaven. For the souls of
the righteous are in Thy hand, and there
shall no torment touch them. As gold
the furnace hast Thou tried them, and found
for Thyself. Make us to rea
ommunion of saints,
us who sur

er they are delivered from the burden of
: flesh, are in joy and felicity, we give Thee
arty thanks, for that it hath pleased Thee
deliver this our *brother* out of the miseries
this sinful world, beseeching Thee that it
ıy please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness,
ɔrtly to accomplish the number of Thine
ct, and to hasten Thy kingdom, that we,
:h all those who are departed in the true
th of Thy holy name, may have our perfect
ısummation and bliss, both in body and
ıl, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory,
·ough Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Grant, O Lord, to those to whom *he* was
ar, that they sorrow not as men without
pe, but that they may be resigned to Thy
:ssed will, and together with us, may re-
:mber how frail and uncertain our con-
ion is, and so number their days that they
ıy apply their hearts to that holy and
ıvenly wisdom, whilst they live here, which
:y in the end bring them to life everlasting,
·ough Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEFORE LAYING OUT THE DEAD.

) LORD, Who hast sanctified our flesh by
taking it upon Thyself, and by making
individually members of Thyself, and
nples of the Holy Ghost; give us grace,
beseech Thee, thankfully to acknowledge

this Thy goodness by a reverent and pious care for the bodies of those who depart hence in the Lord. Make them, O Lord, who are sown in corruption and dishonour, to be raised in incorruption and glory; make them heirs of a glorious resurrection and a blessed immortality, and give us all the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life, through Thee, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

In a Holiday.

O LORD Jesus, my Master, Thou knowest my weakness, and my need of intermission of labour. I thankfully acknowledge Thy indulgent goodness in granting to me this time of rest. Keep me safe in all its temptations. Sanctify it wholly to Thy purposes. Direct me so to use it that I may be effectually refreshed both in body and mind, and that I may return to my work, cheered and invigorated, full of gratitude to Thee, and of renewed zeal for Thy service. Grant me this for Thine own sake. Amen.

ACTS OF DEVOTION.

Act of Self-oblation.

No. 1.

I DESIRE, O my God, entirely to resign *my will* unto Thy will. I desire to give

myself to Thy service, to be one with Thee, inseparably and everlastingly. I pray that the old man, which is at enmity with Thee, may be crucified and mortified, dead and buried, utterly purged out from me, and that the new man may grow up into perfect conformity to my Lord and Saviour, and Redeemer and Master. I humbly propose to do whatever Thou wilt set before me to be done, contentedly and diligently, trusting to Thy strength, and to Thy compassion and indulgence, in not being extreme to mark what is done amiss; and I absolutely resign all self-seeking, all vain-glory, all personal satisfaction in my work. I offer it all to Thee, O Lord, as my poor and pitiful contribution to Thy supreme glory, in union with the oblation of my Lord, Thy Son Jesus Christ. And I beseech Thee, O Lord, to accept it for His sake only, to exalt and to sanctify my energies, to refine all my motives, and to give me power for Thy work, by Thy Holy Spirit, all the days of my life. Amen.

No. 2.

O LORD, I desire earnestly to acquiesce in Thy blessed will, and to yield to it my desires; yea, even my own plans for the happiness of those about me, and for doing good to men. Make me simply content to

work out Thy purposes in the dark, trusting all successful results to Thee, and fixing my hopes entirely in the next world, both for myself and them. Lord, I desire to follow the course which Thou shalt mark out, whether of independence, or of obedience to others. Remove from me all obstinacy and self-will, and make me now wholly intent on worshipping and serving Thee, in the communion of saints, as I trust we may worship and serve Thee hereafter, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

No. 3.

I PRESENT and offer unto Thee, O Lord, myself and all that is mine, my words and my actions, my silence and my rest. Only do Thou sustain and lead me! Move Thou my hand and my tongue, my heart and my mind, to whatever is honest, and faithful, and well-pleasing to Thee, and withdraw me from everything from which I ought to abstain. Amen.

No. 4.—(*To be made at Celebration of Holy Communion.*)

O LORD Jesus, Whom only I desire to serve, Thou acceptest every offering of

love. Thou knowest that I love Thee. Accept the offering which I bring to Thee now of my service rendered or intended to Thy poor on . . . . . Accept its fatigue, its self-denial, its inconveniences. Unite them with Thine own holy labours and sufferings. I would that they were more, and better, and cost me more, and were more thoroughly done for Thy love. But pardon them, receive them, and perfume them with Thy intercession. Let them be for a memorial before Thy presence in heaven. Amen.

Act of Resolution.

(*To be made at Celebration of Holy Communion.*)

O LORD, I resolve henceforward to avoid such sights as . . . . . such books as . . . . . such company as . . . . . such thoughts as . . . . . I resolve for Thy sake to practise . . . . . O Lord, I dare not do this save in union with this offering now made to Thee, to be accepted, as I trust, with the oblation of Thy blessed Son; and I humbly beseech Thee now to make me so to eat His Flesh, and drink His Blood, that my heart and my will may be strengthened and sanctified to perform this resolution to Thy honour and glory; and that

He may not deny me in the great day. O Lord, I pray Thee to accept me, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Act of Submission.

O JESUS, Lord and Master, be that to me which Thou ordainest, and ordain after Thine own good pleasure. Cause my soul to be prepared for Thy coming at whatever hour Thou mayest come. Vouchsafe to me submission, patience, a peaceful conscience, a watchful spirit, and then come as Thou wilt come, O Thou who art the salvation of all who trust in Thee. And, moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus, interpose Thine agony and bloody sweat, Thy cross and passion, and Thy most precious blood-shedding, between Thy judgment and my poor soul, now and always, and especially at the hour of my death. And I most earnestly implore Thee that my death may not be sudden, not come upon me unprepared, not in its coming be so distressful, but that I may retain faith, hope, and charity, my memory and intellect, even to my latest breath. And O be Thou to me a guardian God. Grant to my sins mercy and pardon; to Thy Church peace and concord; to myself, a miserable but repentant sinner, peace in *this life, and glory* in that which is to co

Even so come Lord Jesus, and have mercy upon me. Amen.

Act of Penitence.
No. 1.

O LORD, my Saviour, Who wast pleased to be made perfect through suffering, and for our sakes didst taste the depths of human bitterness, and make trial of extreme human woe, I adore Thy infinite love and compassion, which brought Thee to such unutterable sufferings for us, most guilty sinners. For me didst Thou suffer the agony in the garden, when Thy soul was exceeding sorrowful, even unto death, and Thy sweat was as great drops of blood. For me Thou didst endure the odious kiss of the traitor, and the forsaking of Thy chosen disciples.

For me wast Thou falsely accused and unjustly condemned. For me wast Thou mocked, and struck, and spit upon. For me didst Thou wear the sharp crown of piercing thorns. For me was Thy sacred flesh mangled with the scourge. For me didst Thou go forth bearing the cross, until Thou didst sink under the load.

For me didst Thou hang in mortal agony upon the Cross, the nails rending Thy sacred hands and feet. For me didst Thou pray, "Father, forgive them!" For I, too, have

crucified Thee by my sins. O let me never crucify Thee afresh !

For me didst Thou endure the terrible hiding of Thy Father's face, the awful death struggle, the parting asunder of soul and body.

O Lord, our God and Saviour, Who didst so love me in Thy perfect love, kindle in my heart the spark of the like love and self-devotion. Make me glad to be made like unto Thee, if it be Thy will, by sharing in Thy suffering, and walking in Thy path of pain. And make me willing to bear all things gladly for Thy sake, Who now reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

No. 2.—(*Especially for Lent.*)

O MOST Holy Lord Jesus, Who didst fast forty days and forty nights, to teach us that fasting is a necessary safeguard against the temptations of the devil ; I adore Thy goodness, and humbly implore Thy acceptance of my humiliation before Thee during these forty days. O Lord, I desire to keep this season in honour and love of Thee, in imitation of Thy saints, in obedience to Thy Church, in sorrow for my sins, as an act of indignation against myself, in hearty confession that I am not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies.

I desire herein to deplore my weakness, to implore Thy assistance, to lay before Thee all my miserable defects and grievous sins, all my want of pardon and grace. I desire to beg Thy help to meditate upon Thy life and Thy death, to show Thee my weakness, to deliver it to be made perfect in Thy strength.

O Lord, I desire to judge and condemn myself, that I may not be judged and condemned by Thee. I desire to acknowledge Thee before men now, that Thou mayest fulfil Thy promise of acknowledging me before angels hereafter. O Lord, I correct myself that Thou mayest spare me. I abhor myself that Thou mayest pity me, and I desire to die to the world that I may live unto Thee.

O most holy Lord, I beseech Thee, help me to meditate upon Thy passion, so as to make most grateful returns of love and obedience, in serious care to imitate all Thy virtues, all Thy self-denial, all Thy wonderful unselfishness. Help me, O Lord, to search my heart, to discover and root up all my sinful inclinations, to empty myself of all vanity; and do Thou implant in me a holy zeal and purity. Help me to overcome all my infirmities. Help me to fight vigorously against my besetting sins, especially . . . . . Help me especially to make worthy

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the joy of my Lord. Amen.

Give me, therefore, I beseech Thee, opportunities of retirement, and the grace of profitable meditation. Give me health to perform the same. Deliver me from all distractions of vain company, from disturbances of body and mind, from everything that may impede my duty to Thee.

Give me opportunities of active charity to all, especially the poor; make me a comfort to the afflicted; and whenever I am brough into contact with vice or frivolity, use me, Lord, as Thy instrument, to discourage ar check it. Amen.

Help me to bear injuries patiently, to ta [illegible] humbly, [illegible] gentle, and us [illegible] libera

instrument to Thy glory! That all men may see that in Thy strength I can do all things; and from the depths of my feebleness the greater glory may accrue to Thine Almighty goodness!

Bless all the means of grace unto me. Let my private devotions so fit and prepare me for Thy public worship, that all Thy ordinances may be profitable unto me, and through them my whole life be acceptable, in and through Thee, my blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Act of Faith.

I BELIEVE, O Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou hast redeemed me, that through Thee I have been born again to be a child of God.

I believe that though I have fallen many a time since, yet that Thou hast recovered me, and made me repent, and hast smiled upon me.

I believe now that Thou art able to make all grace abound towards me.

I believe that I can do all things through Thee, if Thou wilt strengthen me.

I believe that none ever looked to Thee, and were confounded, or called on Thy Name and were forsaken.

I believe that Thou hast called me by name and hast led me out, and that when

Thou puttest me forth anywhere, Thou wilt not forsake me.

I believe that Thou wilt be a merciful and faithful high priest to approach God on my behalf, to make reconciliation for my sins.

I believe that as far as the east is from the west, so far hast Thou removed my transgressions from me; that like as a father pitieth his children, so Thou pitiest me.

I believe that in all my affliction Thou art afflicted.

I believe that Thou wilt not suffer me to be tempted above that I am able to bear.

I believe that Thou wilt strengthen me for my special work, as Thou didst Thy servants in old times, Moses, Gideon, Samson Elijah, and Jeremiah.

I believe that with Thee all things ar possible, even to make me perfect.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is within m pleading with me, ready to convince me of s

I believe that Thou art now interceding me.

I believe that my whole life, and e event in it, is ordered by Thy most lo providence, to draw me to Thee, to mak flee to Thee, and abide in Thee.

I believe that Thou art most unwillin I should perish, but art full of comp and long-suffering towards me, that *come to* repentance, and be forgiven.

I believe that there is joy in heaven over me as I repent.

Lord, I know that Thou lovest me.

Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief.

Lord, increase my faith.

I will gird myself, and serve Thee! Amen.

Act of Hope.

LORD, in Thee is my hope.

I desire, and pray, and purpose, to live for the future, not for the present.

I desire to look forward in my work to the coming of Thy kingdom.

I desire to labour here, that I may grow to desire rest more and more.

I desire to look forward to rest for a while in Paradise with Thee, and then to rise again with my body to glorify Thee for ever in heaven.

I desire now to put my treasure in heaven, to send my affections very often, even now, to where Thou art ascended.

I desire to be so settled in the life of hope now, that earthly and transitory things may fail to affect and disturb me.

I hope now to advance in holiness, to forget those things which are behind, and to reach forward to those things which are before.

I believe I am sealed with the Holy Spirit

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ire to be bold in my hope, to look high
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ace myself to the cross now, that I may
th Thee in Paradise.
lesire to drink of Thy cup now, that I
be a doorkeeper in Thy House hereafter.
Lord, I cling to my hope, the hope of
ing Thee as Thou art.
O Lord, I thank Thee for my hope. Con-
m it, strengthen it, deepen it, engross it.
ord, purify me, even as Thou art pure !
men.

ACT OF LOVE.

O LORD, Thou lovest me, even as th
Father loveth Thee.
O Lord, why cannot I love Thee ?
I can trust in Thy love.
Thou canst put away my sins which
vent me from coming to Thee.
I desire to love Thee warmly, and to
it in every action of my life.
I can blame myself, abhor myself, fo
loving Thee.
I can try and keep Thy command
and then I shall love.

I can think of Thy love for me, and all the loving things Thou hast done for me.

I desire to love Thee, so that it may set my heart in a glow, and be my one motive, and happiness.

Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee a little; make it much.

I will love Thee more if I can; and I can if Thou wilt, and Thou dost will it.

And I shall be loved of the Father, and Thou wilt love me more than ever, and wilt manifest Thyself to me. And They will come to me, and make Their abode with me!

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord. Amen.

Act of Praise.

O LORD, my God, I bless Thee. For my life, my reason, my preservation, my guidance, my sustenance, my parents.

For my education, my being placed in this country, my admission to the church, for the gifts of nature, for the gifts of grace.

For my redemption, regeneration. For the gift of the Holy Ghost, for my instruction in the truth. For the voice of Thy calling repeated often, again and again.

For Thy patience, long-suffering, Thy very long forbearance . . . even the last, when I was once more spared. . . .

For all the benefits I have received from man.

For all my undertakings which hav prospered.

For all the little good I may have miserabl done.

For the enjoyment of the present activit of body or mind.

For Thy promises, and my hope of th treasure in heaven.

For my benefactors, never to be forgotten for my relatives, my dear friends, my brother and sisters in the faith, I praise and glorif Thee, O God.

Again I praise Thee, O God, for all thos who by their writings, sermons, prayers example, reproofs, encouragements, hav done me good.

For all these are Thy gifts, O Lord ! t Thee be the glory of all !

Lord, what is man that Thou visitest him And what am I among men, that Thou shouldest have given me all these things ?

What reward shall I give unto the Lord fo all the benefits that He hath done unto me !

I can, and I will, receive the cup of salvation.

I can, and I will, call upon the Name o the Lord. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord Goc *Almighty* ! Thou art worthy, O Lord, t *receive* glory, and honour, and power. Fo *Thou* hast created all things, and for Th *pleasure* they are, and were created. Am

Act of Thanksgiving for the Progress of the Gospel.

THOU art worthy, O Lord, to receive power,
And riches, and wisdom, and strength,
And honour, and glory, and blessing.
Blessed be Thy glorious name,
That Thy Word hast sounded forth,
Not only in Jerusalem, and Antioch,
In Athens, and in Rome;
But in every place the faith of Christ
Is spread abroad.

For Thy good soldiers in every age,
Striving lawfully, enduring unto the end,
For the wisdom of doctors,
The zeal of evangelists,
The eloquence of prophets,
The love of pastors,
For the praises of babes, the ministry of women,
The purity of the young, the fervour of the aged,
For all the signs of Thy presence,
All the marks of Thy cross,
All glory be to Thee.

For the light of Thy everlasting gospel,
Sent to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and
Shining so long amongst ourselves, [people,
For Thy church, the pillar and ground of the truth,
Against which the gates of hell have not prevailed,
For Thy gracious word of promise,
That they that be wise shall shine
As the brightness of the firmament,
And they that turn many to righteousness
As the stars for ever and ever,
All praise, all glory be
Unto Thee.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
Long-suffering, and of great goodness.
The Lord is loving unto every man,
And His mercy is over all His works.
All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord,
And Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.
They show the glory of Thy kingdom,
And talk of Thy power,
That Thy power, Thy glory, and mightiness of Thy kingdom,
Might be known unto men.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

Great and marvellous are Thy works,
Lord God Almighty;
Just and true are Thy ways,
Thou King of saints.
Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name?
For Thou only art holy;
For all nations shall come and worship before Thee;
For Thy judgments are made manifest.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude,
Which no man could number,
Of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues,
Stood before the throne, and before the Lamb
Clothed with white robes,
And palms in their hands;
And cried with a loud voice, saying

Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb,
Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS.

For the Church.

No. 1.

GRACIOUS Father, I most humbly beseech Thee for Thy holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, and with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, enlighten it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it; O Thou Holy One of Israel. Amen.

No. 2.

O LORD Jesus Christ, make me to feel something of Thy exceeding love for Thy Church, and to pray earnestly that she may be prepared as a bride for Thy coming, glorious, without spot, perfect in purity

and beauty. O let me not delay this her preparation, but sanctify all I do in her membership, that I may work diligently for that which Thou dost desire so dearly. And grant, O Lord, that all her members may join heartily in glorifying Thy wonderful love, by striving to make her ready for the great day, when Thou shalt return to take her to be one with Thee for ever. Amen.

For the English Church.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord Jesus, for this branch of Thy holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Be with us according to Thy promise in all our troubles. Inspire us with earnest zeal for Thy Holy Truth. Stablish us in sound and accurate doctrine, and give us courage to maintain it unflinchingly. Guide us in the externals of worship, to think first of Thy honour, to be in accordance as far as may be with the practice of Thy holy Church in times past, to be sensible in distinguishing things important from things trivial, and to be patient and discreet in reforming what is amiss. Make us eager to recognize a godly zeal in one another; defen[illegible] us from the worldly, the fanciful, the p[illegible] *sumptuous,* and the schismatic; and m[illegible] *tain our* unity unimpaired; for Th[illegible] *Lord.* Amen.

For a Sister Church.

O ALMIGHTY God, King of kings, Who from Thy throne dost behold all the dwellers upon earth, I thank Thee for that Thou hast given to the Church of our country a Sister Church in the Church of . . . . . Let the dew of Thy blessing descend evermore on it, and make it rich in every fruit of the Spirit. Grant that, between its members and ourselves, the communion of saints may be maintained for ever unbroken, to Thy glory, and to the edifying of the Body of Christ in love. Grant also that the hearts of the fathers may be so turned to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, that envy, contempt, and strife may be diminished, and that peace and love may be multiplied among nations, and that the whole world may receive thereby a blessing from on high, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Clergy.

GRANT I beseech Thee, O Lord, to Thy Church the inestimable benefit of a ious, active, and learned clergy. Illuminate hem with a true knowledge and under- anding of Thy word; advance them in all ch studies as help to the same; make them r diligent in prayers; and above all,

adorn them with personal holiness and loving zeal for Thy work; that both by their life and doctrine they may faithfully serve in their holy office to Thy glory, and to the edification of Thy Church. Give Thy people grace to profit by their ministration of Thy word and sacraments, thankfully, humbly, and gladly, as the means of their salvation. And more especially do I pray for *the priest of this parish*, or *the chaplain of this community*, that he may be a truly discreet and learned minister of Thy word, and that whenever we cannot quiet our own consciences, and require further comfort or counsel, he may have the mind of Christ to advise and guide us according to Thy holy will; so that hereafter we may rejoice together in Thy heavenly kingdom over help given and received, through the power of Thy most Holy Spirit, Who with Thee and Thy blessed Son liveth and reigneth, one God for ever. Amen.

For Church-helpers.

O THOU good Shepherd of the shee Who willest not that any should peris but that all men should be saved and co to the knowledge of the truth; be with th who are helping to seek Thy lost shee *the wilderness* of this sinful world. Let

love and patience be shown forth in their lives and conversations; Thy tenderness and compassion in their words and actions; that they may win many souls for Thee, and kindle in other hearts a desire to devote themselves to works of love. And grant, O Lord, that we may be all knit together as living stones in the unity of Thy Church, and be brought at last to Thee, in everlasting glory, through Thy merits only. Amen.

For Missionary Societies.

WE praise Thee, most gracious God, for causing the light of the Sun of Righteousness to shine upon us. Give us grace always to acknowledge this inestimable benefit, by walking as children of light, and by compassionating those who are still in darkness. Fill us with a hearty desire to make Thy way known upon earth. Prosper, we beseech Thee, the undertakings of all Missionary Societies, and especially of *The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, or* . . . . . Make the members and supporters thereof zealous and diligent. Bless those who direct its operations. Give them a single eye to Thy glory, and a most charitable spirit to all other bodies. Give them discretion to do Thy work rightly, courage to persevere in it undauntedly, and influence

to spread the interest thereof throughout t
Church. And then, O Lord, bless the gr
Cause, even the extension and consolidati
of Thy kingdom. Let not the souls
deemed by the Blood of Christ perish
ignorance and sin. But strengthen T
servants to gather in the heathen to Thy fc
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Missions.
No. 1.

O MOST Blessed Saviour, Who of T
great goodness has given to us t
light of Thy gospel, and the knowledge
Thee, and hast appointed a succession
men to preach Thy word, and adminis
Thy sacraments; inspire, I pray Thee, t
bishops and pastors of Thy Church w
Thy Holy Spirit; increase the number
faithful labourers, and fill them with zeal
Thy glory, and for the salvation of the so
of the unbelieving and ignorant. Vouchs
Thine aid to those who labour afar off amo
the heathen and unconverted [*particularly*
the teachers connected with . . . . . .
Grant to all Thy people, and especially
missionary societies, the grace of gratef
liberal, wise, and loving hearts; that aidi
in this holy work, according to Thy will, c
prayers and alms may come up for a n
morial before Thee, and be accepted in T

sight, for the propagation of Thy gospel, and the furtherance of Thy kingdom; through Thy merits, and Thine only mediation, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest one God, now and for evermore. Amen.

No. 2.

PROSPER, O Lord, all missions, both at home and abroad [*especially at* . . . . .] with such increase of holiness, that they may win many to the acknowledgment of Thy truth. Make them centres of spiritual life to the quickening of many souls, for the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

No. 3.

O THOU good Shepherd of the sheep, look mercifully upon those who have none to watch over them in Thy Name; prepare them to receive Thy truth, and send them pastors after Thine own heart. Replenish with Thine abundant grace those whom Thou dost send, and awaken the pity of Thy people for all these strangers to Thy covenant, so that by their cheerful contribution, and by the working of Thy Holy Spirit, multitudes may daily be added to the Church, and become partakers of the salvation which Thou hast promised, O Lord and lover of souls. Amen.

For the Heathen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who art the King of all the earth, remember the multitudes of the heathen, who, though created in Thine image, are perishing in their ignorance, and losing that which Thou hast purchased for them by Thy atonement. Grant that, by the prayers and labours of Thy holy Church, they may be delivered from superstition and unbelief, and brought to know and to love Thee; to Thy honour and glory, Who, with the Father and Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth for ever. Amen.

For our Fellow-countrymen Abroad.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who hast commanded us by Thy Apostles to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, and as we have each received Thy gift, so to minister the same one to another; grant to all who are baptized into Thy holy Name, and specially to our fellow-countrymen who sojourn in distant lands, that they may show forth Thy praises, Who hast called them out of darkness into marvellous light. Preserve them, we beseech Thee, from the sin of offending Thy little ones who believe in Thee, and from causing Thy word to be blasphemed among the Gentiles. Make them as the salt of the earth, as the leaven

the lump, and as light in the world, that so, beholding their good works, and won by their holy life, multitudes may be turned to Thy truth, to glorify Thee in the day of visitation, Who art our Saviour and our God, Blessed for ever. Amen.

For the Colonies.

O BLESSED Lord, Who wouldest have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth, look in mercy on all the parts of the earth that lie still in ignorance and error, and let the glorious gospel of Thy Son shine upon them; particularly on the colonies and dependencies of Great Britain, and all such places as are now, or were formerly, under our government, and entrusted to our care. Plant and foster in each of them a branch of Thy church, and bless the endeavours of all societies that co-operate towards that end. Prepare fit men to be sent as the ambassadors of Christ to those who dwell there, and raise up sufficient help to support and encourage them that are sent. Give an abundant blessing to their labours, and make them successful to the saving of souls, through His mediation, Who hath taught us thus to pray, and Who sits at Thy right hand to make our prayers effectual; to Whom with Thee and

the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

For Missionaries.

No. 1.

O MOST merciful Saviour and Redeemer, Who wouldest not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth; fulfil Thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in Thy name to preach the gospel of salvation in distant lands. Be with them in all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and in persecution. Bless them with Thy continual favour, and send Thy Holy Spirit to guide them and comfort them. O Lord, let Thy ministers be clothed with righteousness, and grant that Thy word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. And so prosper Thy work, that the fulness of the Gentiles may be gathered in, and all Israel be saved. Grant this, O Lord, for Thine own sake. Amen.

No. 2.

O THOU, Who art Thyself the Builder and the Husbandman of Thy church and who hast chosen the weak and ba

things of the world to confound the tl
which are mighty, grant unto all those
labour together with Thee, that they
counting their own planting and waterir
be nothing, may confidently look unto '
to give the increase ; and also that they
have grace so to preach the unsearcl
riches of Christ, that the savour of
knowledge may be made manifest by
in every place, and that Thy gospel
come unto the Gentiles, not in word
but also in power and in the Holy G
Grant this, O Lord, for the honour o
Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ
Lord. Amen.

FOR A COMMUNITY.

No. 1.

O GOD, Who hast appointed divers
and orders amongst mankind, anc
made discipline and subordination t
necessary, when we are banded togeth
Thy sake, give unto all of us grace to su
ourselves one to another in Thy fear. (
that those who are in authority may g
and direct with courtesy and gentleness
that those who are to obey may do sc
cheerfulness and good will, through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

ALMIGHTY everlasting God, I besee Thee to pour Thy continual blessi upon this society, and upon every memb thereof, both present and absent. Pard and remove all coldness, divisions, and tempers. Knit all our hearts in one, gentleness, and forbearance, and *sister* love, after the example of all Thy saint And grant that vital religion, industr discipline, and abundant charity may he flourish and grow, to the glory of Th Name, the comfort of Thy members, and th salvation of our own souls, through Jes Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 3.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to lo mercifully upon this society, and give us severally such a measure of Th grace as may fit us for our respective dutie Make us respectful and obedient to o superiors, friendly to our equals, kind ar considerate and attentive to our inferior Make us so to fear Thee, and live accordi to Thy word, that this society may be means of keeping alive and promoting th spirit of pious and active service in th church and kingdom, for Thy dear Son *sake. Amen.*

For Sister Institutions.

BLESS, O Lord, I pray Thee, all institutions of the Church, wherein women are banded together in Thy love, and for Thy service. And regard, O Lord, with especial favour all the deaconess institutions and the sisterhoods of the Church in England. Make true religion and earnest self-devotion to flourish and abound therein. Grant that the members thereof may be edified and go forward in ever-increasing holiness of life, and loving trust in Thee. Enable them to put their whole treasure in heaven, and to work heartily, and faithfully, and wisely in Thy Church. And may each of these bodies cherish a friendly and sisterly spirit to the others. Put away all envy, and rivalry, and coldness, that each may work in their own province, and be comforted and encouraged by the prayers and good wishes of the rest, so that all may be together rewarded by Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those in Authority.

O LORD, I venture humbly to pray that a double portion of Thy Spirit may be shed forth upon the heads of all institutions in our Church. Give them such wisdom, and judgment, and discretion, that they may order all things prudently and successfully.

Make them patient, laborious, and most zealous, so that by their example we may be stirred up to more earnest devotion and self-denial. And especially I pray for Thy servant . . . . . under whom I now work for Thee. Be with *her* in all *her* troubles, assist *her* in all *her* difficulties, cheer *her* with a most comfortable assurance of our sympathy and good will. Fill *her* heart with love and hope, prosper all *her* designs, and enable me, O Lord, to support, and second, and help *her*, to the best of my power, with all loving obedience and cheerful self-sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Council.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who by Thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the councils of the blessed Apostles, and who hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church unto the end of the world, I pray that Thou mayest vouchsafe Thy Presence with the council . . . . . assembled in Thy name. Keep far from the members thereof all pride, *ignorance*, prejudice, and error ; and of Thy *great* mercy vouchsafe to direct, govern, and *sanctify* them in their work, that by their *deliberations* and measures the kingdom

Christ may be set forward, Thy truth promoted, and the order and discipline of Thy church maintained, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

For Sisters in a Community.

O LORD, I approach Thee with especial earnestness on behalf of my sisters in this community. I desire to ask for them that which shall seem good unto Thee to grant, as most expedient for them, and do Thou supply all that I fail to ask. Give them earnestness and self-control, gravity and gentleness, prudence and discretion, modesty and humility, and unfeigned kindness to all. Give them forbearance, and self-denial, and sisterly love. Let them not seek to please men, but do all things as unto Thee. Give them grace to love Thee, and Thy service, and Thy holy word and sacraments, above all earthly treasure, to watch continually unto prayer, and to glorify Thee by purity and holiness of body, soul, and spirit. Recompense them for their sisterly affection to me especially . . . . . Strengthen them against their peculiar temptations and besetting sins. Be Thou their *protector* and defender, their comfort in *sorrow* and disappointment, their refuge in

doubt and difficulty, their support and st in all time of sickness, and in the hour death. And be Thou, O Lord, their e ceeding and eternal great reward for ev more. Amen.

For Newly Admitted Members of a Community.

O GRACIOUS Father, I humbly besee Thee to bless these Thy servants n admitted into this community. And th they may be enabled to walk in Thy co mandments, and to serve Thee in th vocation, grant unto them the spirit diligent prayer. Uphold them in all dang and temptations, make them humble a gentle, obedient and diligent, and strengt them with Thy Holy Spirit to fill their worthily in our fellowship, for Jesus Chr sake our Lord. Amen.

For Friends and Relations.

O LORD and Father of all, I pray on behalf of all my relations a my friends, especially . . . . . *that they* may live under Thy protectic *from bodily* infirmity and from all *trouble.* Make them to love Thee *their* heart and strength, that the

all things as unto Thee, and daily amending their lives, may grow in holiness, through the power of Thy most holy Spirit. Give them a continual sense of Thy presence. Make them diligent and useful in Thy service. Keep them in all temptation, and cherish in our hearts mutual affection. May their prayers for me be accepted, and return into their own bosoms. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Absent Friends.

ALMIGHTY God, Who art the protector of all that trust in Thee, Who art present in every place to hear the prayers of such as fear Thee and call upon Thy Name; in firm belief of this comfortable truth, I cheerfully commit my friends, especially . . . . . to Thy favour and care, beseeching Thee to pardon their sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Thy judgments from falling upon them, to preserve them from all dangers to body and soul, that they may be blameless in Thy sight, and that we may meet happily again in Thy love, if not in the flesh, then at the foot of Thy throne, through Thy merits. Amen.

For the Thoughtless.

O GOD and Father of all, Who delightest in the happiness of Thy creatures, send down Thy Holy Spirit upon all those who are drawn away by the pleasures of youth, the opportunities of wealth, or the excitement of sin, to forget Thee, and neglect their necessary preparation for eternity. Enlighten them, defend them, calm them, control them, make them to see the vanity of earthly pleasures, and the satisfaction of the joy of Thy holy service, and so perfect their natural energies by the power of Thy supernatural love, that they, now learning to rejoice in the hope of Thy glory, may hereafter be made partakers of the fruition of Thy Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Pupils.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who didst condescend to be subject to earthly parents, and to grow in wisdom; and didst notice with especial favour the little children; and didst give special charge for the feeding the lambs of Thy flock; I entreat Thy loving blessing upon my pupils. May they grow in the fear of the Lord, and daily progress in *spiritual,* as in intellectual, learning. Pr*serve them* from their especial temptations *the world* and the flesh, and defend th

from all evil to body and soul. Help me *and my fellow teachers* so to train and discipline them, that they may turn to Thee in their youth, and go forward in faith and love to be useful members of Thy church. For Thine own sake. Amen.

For Catechumens.

REMEMBER, Lord, the Catechumens of Thy people, who in various lands are under instruction preparatory to their Baptism, and especially those in whom I am personally interested, viz . . . . . Have mercy upon them, confirm them in the faith ; remove all remains of the worship of idols from their hearts, and plant therein Thy laws, Thy precepts, Thy fear, Thy truth, and Thy commandments. Give them a firm knowledge of the word in which they are taught, and grant that in due time they may be worthy of the washing of regeneration for the remission of their sins. Prepare them to be a habitation of the Holy Ghost to the glory of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Women Under Instruction in Zenanas.

HELP me, O Lord, our Saviour, I beseech Thee, and hear the prayers of

my friends for me at home and abroad, in this most difficult work. I pray humbly for these poor women, that Thy Spirit may enlighten them, and draw them unto Thee. Let not the natural good qualities which Thou hast implanted in them be corrupted to the service of the devil; but convince them of their idolatry, and give them such courage and boldness of faith, that they may confess Thee, O Lord, now, and be gathered into Thy kingdom, and accepted as members of Thy Body. Open their hearts and their minds to the truth, and compel them to come in, O Lord, before it be too late, for Thine own sake. Amen.

For Candidates for Confirmation.

O LORD God, Who through Thy Church dost invite these Thy servants to come to Thee in this holy ordinance, give them, I beseech Thee, strength to live as becomes Thy adopted children; and so help them by Thy Spirit to fight the good fight in the world, that they may endure unto the end, and at last receive the crown of everlasting life. Assist them so to prepare for this ordinance, that they may have a deep sense of their present weakness and failure in doing their duty. Make them to bitterly their faults and shortcomings,

give them a godly repentance, and an earnest desire for Thy grace.

And grant, O Lord, that when they approach Thee to seek Thy strength, they may humbly, and thankfully, and cheerfully, make profession of their faith and duty, and then receive from Thee all the benefits of spiritual comfort and courage, and go forth strengthened to mortify all evil and corrupt affections, and daily to advance in all virtue and godliness of living. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Communicants' Classes.

I APPROACH Thee, O Lord, on behalf of all those to whom I minister in Thy Name, and whom I love for Thy sake, and who are about to come to Thy holy table. O Lord, make them dread Thy threats against those who do not come, and against those who come unworthily; make them look fearfully and hopefully to Thy glorious promises vouchsafed to those who come in the marriage garment of penitence and holy joy.

Help them to examine themselves carefully and completely, to lay bare their hearts before Thee, to repent zealously and horoughly, to offer themselves wholly to 've and serve Thee, and their brethren. ' that they may humbly receive Thy most

For an Invalid.

O LORD God, Thou makes
work together for good, an
mercifully been pleased to wi
Thy servant from many amus
occupations which *he* formerly enj
him thankful that Thou hast thu
from things which perhaps filled
his heart. Grant that *he* may no
whole happiness in Thy promises
hope of rest and communion
and thus may be finally secur
and be made a partaker of Thy j
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Sick.

But above all things, I beseech Thee to grant that through Thy fatherly visitations, they may attain to a deeper repentance and a more earnest faith, may grow in patience and in meek submission to Thy will. And if Thou art pleased to take them hence, so fit and prepare them by Thy grace, that they may depart in charity with man, at peace with Thee, and with a blessed hope of everlasting life. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

No. 2.

For a Sick Friend or Sister.

O HOLY Father, Who chasteneth us for our good, that we may be partakers of Thy holiness, have mercy on this Thy servant, and bless to *her* such chastisement as in Thy love Thou art pleased to lay upon *her*. May it yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness in *her*. May it be the means, under Thy blessing, of stirring in *her* heart a true repentance for all sin. Especially, O Lord, may it wean *her* from that sin which hath most easily beset *her*, so that it may no more get the dominion over *her*. So shall *she* confess that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused *her* to be troubled, and evermore give thanks to Thee for Thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 3.

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, the offences of our forefathers, neit take Thou vengeance of our sins. O G Who keepest Thy servants with tender afi tion, incline Thine ear to my supplicatic Hear me when I pray to Thee for *him* t is sick.

Have pity on *him*, O Lord, according Thy mercy, and deliver *him* from all e from the power of Satan, from unh thoughts, from pain of body and mind, fr Thy dreadful wrath.

Grant unto *him* a humble and cont heart, a genuine and full repentance.

Take from him all murmuring and patience.

Pardon, wash out, obliterate, all *his* s and offences. Make *him* to accept sickness humbly and gratefully, as a graci call from Thee, who wouldst not that should perish. Enable *him* to resign *him* entirely to Thy blessed will. Give grace to praise Thee in illness as in hea thankfully to call to mind the happiness former health, and patiently to submit to *his* pains and weariness. Give *him* the to offer up *his* sufferings to be united those of Thy dear Son, who suffered for *sake.* O Lamb of God, Who takest aw

sins of the world, be Thou an advocate for *him* with the Father.

O Refuge of the distressed, refresh *him* that is weary and heavy-laden. Be mindful of this poor member of Thy Body, and let not Thy precious blood be shed in vain for *him*, but thoroughly sanctify *him* by Thy Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on *his* soul and save it.

Call *him* now to Thyself, stir up *his* heart to greater sorrow for sin, to thorough change of inclination towards it, to earnest and zealous desire of pleasing and obeying Thee in everything. And receive *him* into the number of the glorified, to praise and serve Thee eternally. Lastly, O Lord, let not the world, the flesh, and the devil, come back upon *him* again in the intervals of prayer, so as to drive out good thoughts, and holy wishes and desires. But quicken them in *him!* Make them to grow and flourish in *him* without interruption or hindrance, not only in the time of solemn devotion, but at all times. May the well of living water be so filled with the Spirit, that it may overflow in *him* through all the hours of the day, and especially in the sleeplessness and restlessness of the night, to Thy honour and glory, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, &c.

No. 4.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Whose hands are the issues of life, Whose infinite wisdom ordereth all thi for the best to them that love Thee, l down with Fatherly eye on this one wl Thou hast touched with Thine hand. Quic again *him* on whom Thou hast laid great and sore trouble. Support *him* v Thy grace, strengthen *his* faith, increase hope, and perfect *his* charity. And if it s please Thee to call *him* to Thyself, carry safely through the valley of the shadow death, through which our loving Savi hath passed before. And finally receive into those heavenly mansions which same Lord is gone to prepare; where no shall trouble *him*, no pain distress *him*, anxiety disturb *him*, no infirmity afflict *h* where perfect security, pure delight, unceasing joy await all who truly love T Amen.

FOR A SICK CHILD.

O LOVING Jesus, Who lovest little c dren, and didst Thyself live as a li *child* upon earth, have mercy upon this *child*, now laid upon the bed of sickn *Thou* art the Good Shepherd, and cares *the* lambs of Thy flock, leading them ter

and bearing them in Thy holy arms. C
bring Thy little one safely through the tim
of sickness and danger. Teach *him* to b
meek, and gentle, and loving, and obedien
like Thyself. Save *him* from all fretfulnes
and impatience. Let *him* feel that Thou a
ever near. Let *him* learn to love Thee bett
and better; and, if Thou art pleased t
restore *him* to health and strength, mak
him to remember Thy goodness evermor
and so to live all *his* days here (be the
many or few) that *he* may live with The
Who hast died to save *him*, in the endle
bliss and glory of heaven. Hear me,
merciful Jesus, Who with the Father and th
Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, One God f
ever and ever. Amen.

For Dying Persons.

O LORD Jesus, Who didst endure dea
as the wages of our sin, be with tho
who are now encountering it throughout th
world, and especially with Thine own mem
bers, *and especially with* . . . . . .
Make them to feel now, O Lord, in the
dying agony, that Thou hast taken away i
sting, and that it is to them not the wages
sin, but the rending of the veil which n
prevents us from beholding the great v
of the Almighty. O Lord, comfort

with a most comfortable assurance that the sins are forgiven, absolutely put away, ca behind Thy back. Fill them with a hope rest with Thee immediately, and glory wi Thee in Thy good time. O Lord, even no forgive them what they have forgotten confess to Thee; even now in the la moment sanctify them wholly! O Thou wh didst shed Thy blood for their sake, to r concile our Father unto them! O Thou wh hast preserved them by Thy Grace in th unity of Thy Church! do Thou, O Lor restore them to complete communion, by th last sprinkling of Thy precious Blood. Lo Jesus be very near them! Lord Jesus vouc safe to reveal Thyself unto them! Lo Jesus guide them. Lord Jesus accept them Amen.

For a Person in Sudden Danger.

O MOST gracious Father, we fly ur Thee for mercy in behalf of this T servant, now lying under this sudden vis tion of Thy hand. If it be Thy will, prese *his* life, that there may be place for rep ance; but if Thou hast otherwise appoi let Thy mercy supply to *him* the want o *usual* opportunity for the trimming o *lamp.* Stir up in *him* such sorrow f *and such* fervent love to Thee, as r

short time do the work of many days; that among the praises which Thy saints and holy angels shall sing to the honour of Thy mercy through eternal ages, it may be to Thy unspeakable glory that Thou hast redeemed the soul of this Thy servant from eternal death, and made *him* partaker of the everlasting life, which is through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR ONE WHOSE INTELLECT IS DISORDERED.

O GRACIOUS Father, Who in Thy wisdom leadest us in paths that we know not, we commend to Thy great mercy this our afflicted *brother;* and inasmuch as it hath pleased Thee to take from *him* the power to pray, O hear, we beseech Thee, the unworthy prayers of Thy servants who make intercession for *him.* Thou hast bidden us to pray one for another. Thou hast promised that, if we ask, Thou wilt give life unto them that sin not unto death. O merciful Father, pardon, we earnestly entreat Thee, pardon the past sins of Thy servant for the sake of the infinite merits of Him who shed His precious blood upon the Cross for us. Impute them not unto *him.* Magnify Thy mercy in forgiving one who cannot now seek *forgiveness.* Deliver *him* from the wrath to *come.* Let not this soul, for which Thy

beloved Son gave His life, perish everlastingly. And, O gracious Father, teach us, to whom Thou dost yet grant the power to repent and to pray, to seek Thee truly while the day of salvation lasteth, knowing that the night quickly cometh, in which no work of grace may be done. May we so live as we should wish to die; and so die that we may rise with a joyful resurrection at the last day; for the sake of our only Mediator and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Despondent.

O HOLY Jesu, we fall down before Thee, and beseech Thee to have mercy upon Thine afflicted servant. Lift from *him*, if it might be, the heavy burden of *his* affliction Thou wast "despised and rejected of men, man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief Thou hast "borne our griefs and carried o sorrows." "We have not an High Pri Which cannot be touched with the feelin our infirmities." Thou knowest every p and pang that rends the heart. Thou kno the heaviness which boweth down Thy vant's soul. O Thou, Whose soul was ceeding sorrowful, even unto death," lo *mercy upon his* great sorrow. Pard *him all* faithless thoughts and fea *dispel them* by Thy grace. Lift fro

his head the dark cloud of despair, and let the bright sunshine of Thy love shine round about *him*. Teach *him* to trust Thy word, and to believe in Thy promises, and let *him* not be cast down overmuch by the anguish of *his* own weak and sinful heart. Teach *him* to look from *his* own wounds to Thy blessed Cross, and may *he* find healing, and comfort, and peace, as and when Thou seest fit. May *he* remember that it is not *his* own feelings, but Thy promises, which are the pledge of everlasting salvation. And, if *he* may not know here joy and peace in believing, may *he* nevertheless enter at length into the joy of *his* Lord and the perfect peace of Paradise; there to dwell with Thee, Who livest and reignest, with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God evermore. Amen.

For Sceptics.

O LORD God of truth, I cry to Thee in behalf of all who are hesitating and wavering in their belief, *especially* . . . . . I implore Thy mercy on all who have madly cast off their faith.

Do Thou, I humbly beseech Thee, convince them by Thy Holy Spirit, and disperse the miserable doubts that come between them and Thy awful truth.

O Lord, Who alone knowest the hearts of

most appropriate to *his* case.
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ignorance and their sins; mak
to see Thee, that they may abhor
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Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Penitents.

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of evil passions, wherein they sti

Perfect within them, by the gift of perseverance, the work which Thou hast so graciously begun. Watch over those who have now returned to the necessary labour of the world. Lead them onward from grace to grace, that they may not only have a name to live, by the respectability of their outward conduct, but a holy consciousness of restoration to Thy favour, and a blessed participation of the life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN TIME OF WAR.

We beseech Thee also to help and comfort those who are near and dear to them, lighten their griefs and anxieties, and grant them patience and resignation to Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Parish in which one Formerly Worked.

I ENTREAT Thy blessing, O Lord, upon all those who have at any time been committed to my charge, especially at . . . . . and to whom I have been appointed to minister for Thy sake. Grant that the ties which have been formed between us may not be broken through sin, nor forgotten through multiplicity of worldly cares, but that we may love each other with a careful remembrance, as we all hope to be remembered by Thee. And I pray, O Lord, that whatever good I may have been permitted to communicate to them, as Thy servant, may be found after many days matured in fruitfulness by Thy holy power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Person in Pain.

No. 1.

O GRACIOUS Father, Whose dear S bore for us unspeakable agonies, bu scourged, and crowned with thorns,

nailed to the cross; have mercy on Thy servant who is now in great suffering, and grant *him* grace to fix *his* eyes upon the cross, and to find strength there to copy the example of Him who "for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross;" so that following *his* Divine Master through suffering, *he* may follow Him to His eternal glory, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

O MOST merciful Saviour, Who in Thy bitter agony didst pray that the cup

Thou camest to give sight to the blind. Give *him*, I pray Thee, spiritual sight. Shed the rays of Thy blessed truth upon *his* soul. Enlighten *his* mind to discern clearly the things which belong unto *his* peace. Though the bodily eye be in darkness, may the eye of the soul be full of light. May *he* have faith to look "not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen." Keep *him* from the darkness of sin and ignorance, from all darkness of thought and deed. May the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ shine into *his* soul. May *he* walk as a child of the light. And, when the night of this world is ended, may *he* awake up in Thy likeness, and seeing Thee face to face, enter the light of everlasting day. Hear me, O Saviour, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Mourners.

O MERCIFUL and loving Father, who doest all things well, and of very faithfulness causest Thy children to be troubled I acknowledge Thine infinite wisdom a *all-wise* providence in visiting these *servants* with Thy heavy hand, and l *upon them* this cross. Make them u

submissively to Thy holy will, and give them a calm and lowly resignation. Make the house of mourning to be better to them than a house of feasting. Soften permanently by Thy grace the hearts that now bleed, and draw them steadily and strongly to Thee. Comfort them with the hope of heavenly things, and make all earthly desires to wither and vanish away from their hearts, that they may put their whole trust and happiness in Thee only, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Parish.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, Who dost appoint to each of us our place and our sphere of work, and Who hast set me to serve Thee in this parish, I call upon Thee most earnestly for all souls herein. May Thy blessed Son intercede for them. May Thy Holy Spirit cleanse, enlighten, and exalt them. May Thy word have free course. May Thy sacraments be duly administered, and be faithfully and gladly partaken of. Bless the little ones of Thy flock, and the schools wherein they are trained to know Thee. Comfort and sustain the aged. Make those in the prime of life industrious and honest. Relieve and restore the sick. Make the rich earnest and tender-hearted, and the poor contented and frugal. Illuminate the

errors and faults of this place.
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help the work of the church), an
an earnest longing for Thy servi
the well disposed into the con
saints, and perfect those who ar
and constantly renewed by
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foundations of the faith ; dispel
rance, and bring their hearts ar
know Thee and Thy truth. I pr
O Lord, for the conversion of the
drunkard, the gambler and the s
pray, O Lord, for those who hav
to pray for them, and for those
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Soften schismatics and heretics, that they may be drawn by Thy love, and may cast away every false opinion. Convince the prejudiced, and remove all opposition to godly designs, and to the true advancement of Thy church. And grant, O Lord, that Thy holy truth may be so publicly maintained, constantly taught, humbly believed, and zealously practised by all in their several stations, that we may dwell together in faith and love, and glorify Thee our Father which is in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Institutions on whose behalf our Prayers are Engaged.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who hast promised that if two of us shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for us by our Father which is in heaven, I desire now to join with those who have agreed with me to pray for . . . . . and for . . . . . I humbly claim this Thy most gracious promise. I beseech Thee to pour Thy blessing upon these institutions and undertakings. Guide their counsels. Prosper their actions. Supply them with the persons and the means necessary for their efficacy. And so strengthen the members and instruments thereof for all good work in their respective departments, that they may effec-

by Thy exceeding bitter cry; and by the bowing of Thy Head in death; good Lord, deliver *him.*

O Lord God, may it please Thee to grant to Thy servant pardon for all *his* sins, that they may not be remembered against him;

May it please Thee, if Thou seest fit, to restore *him* again to consciousness, and to enable *him* to call upon Thee in *his* hour of need;

May it please Thee to grant unto *him* a peaceful and painless end, and all such blessings as in our ignorance we know not how to ask;

May it please Thee to bestow upon Thy servant the mercy Thou shewedest to the dying thief, when Thou saidst, "To-day thou shalt be with me in Paradise;"

May it please Thee, above all, to grant unto *him* a blessed rest among Thy saints departed; a glorious resurrection at the last day; and an eternal inheritance in Thy Kingdom.

O Son of God, I beseech Thee to hear me. Amen.

Short Litany for the Miserable.

O LORD, Who dost not willingly afflict the children of men, behold from Thy *holy habitation* of heaven the multitude of *miserable* people among us, and have mercy

have mercy upon us. Have mercy
ignorant souls, and instruct them;
deluded minds, and enlighten them;
seducing and seduced spirits, and
t them. Have mercy on all broken
, and heal them; on all struggling with
cation, and rescue them; on all lan-
ning in spiritual desertion, and revive
n. Have mercy on all that stagger in
n, and establish them; that are fallen
m Thee, and raise them; that stand with
nee, and confirm them. Have mercy on all
at groan under their sins, and ease them;
n all that bless themselves and go on in
their wickedness, and curb and stop them.
O Blessed Jesus, Who didst shed Thy Blood
for our souls to save them, shed Thy Holy
Spirit on all and heal them, for Thy infinite
mercy's sake. Amen.

General Litany.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
In all our life here in earth, in prosperi
and adversity, in youth and age, in hea
and sickness, in work and in rest, by
and by night, and in death and resurrec
and judgment, Spare us, good L

From all impiety and wilful wickedness, from unbelief, distrust, and despondency,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From faulty motives, from self-seeking, and independence of Thee; and from carelessness in our work,
Good Lord, &c.

From pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy, from self-assertion and conceit, from fretfulness, hurry, and undue excitement,
Good Lord, &c.

From foolishness and rashness,
Good Lord, &c.

From idleness, insincerity, and all want of self-control,
Good Lord, &c.

From harshness, discourtesy, and from disobedience to our superiors,
Good Lord, &c.

From all impurity and intemperance, from everything which ought not to be named among the saints,
Good Lord, &c.

From cowardice, impatience, frivolity, and shrinking from our duty; from levity, flightiness, inconstancy and lukewarmness, and from self-pleasing,
Good Lord, &c.

From all irreverence,
Good Lord, &c.

From the vanity of worldly pleasure, and the anxieties of worldly business,
Good Lord, &c.

From the guile and malice of the devil,
Good Lord, &c.

From all unworthy ideas of Thy majesty and goodness,
Good Lord, &c.

From errors of faith, from undervaluing or misconceiving the mysteries of Thy sacraments,
Good Lord, &c.

From all forgetfulness of our calling and adoption, from disregarding our privilege of admission to Thy holy ordinances, and from all unthankfulness,
Good Lord, &c.

From neglecting to worship Thee in publ or in private, from worshipping carelessly, unworthily, or superstitiously,
Good Lord, &c

From audacity and hastiness of judgme
Good Lord, &

From want of deference to our super and from speaking evil of dignities,
Good Lord, &

From malice and hatred, party spiri temper, and touchiness,
Good Lord,

From envy, discontent, and restlessness,
Good Lord, &c.

From falsehood, exaggeration, and all untruthfulnesss,
Good Lord, &c.

By all the mysteries of Thy holy incarnation, by Thy life and ministry, Thy death and passion, Thy resurrection and ascention,
Good Lord, &c.

In all times when we are tempted by the world, the flesh, or the devil,
Good Lord, &c.

In every crisis of life, in all difficulties of work, in time of infectious disease,
Good Lord, &c.

In contact with death, in time of temptation, perplexity, or discouragement, in personal affliction,
Good Lord, &c.

In sickness and pain, in weakness and disappointment,
Good Lord, &c.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to look mercifully upon the English Church, and to guide her

in all her troubles, and to purify her with Thy Holy Spirit; We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to provide Thy Church with all that is outwardly necessary for Thy work in the conversion of souls; We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to give Thy priests a spirit of devotion, and boldness, and love, and to make them bright examples to Thy flock; We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to touch their hearts with a most hearty love for those committed to their charge, with earnest zeal for their salvation, and with an awful and most devout reverence for Thy holy mysteries; We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to stir the hearts of the laity, to help in all good works, and to hasten Thy kingdom; We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bless all communities of women, all deaconesses and sisters, that in holiness of life they may please Thee, and that in helping the clergy, and succouring the afflicted, they may do good service in Thy Church; We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bless all the missions of the Church, all those who work in them, both clergy and laity, men and women, and to prosper their labours in our colonies and among the heathen;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to show Thy favour upon our schools, and upon all children brought up in Thy faith and fear;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bless my own immediate relations and friends, especially . . . . . ;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to reward all those who have acted kindly by me, and all who have ministered to me the means of grace;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bring those who love me, especially . . . . . ., to share with all Thy saints in glory everlasting.

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bless according to their several necessities all who have asked for my prayers, and all who are joined with me in the observance of any outward rules of life;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to pardon those
th whom I have at any time shared in sin,
forgive those who have done me any wrong,
nd to recompense to every one all loss, and
o undo all mischief that I may have caused
them ; We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to have mercy
upon the sick and distressed, and to give
them a happy issue out of all their afflictions ;
We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to confer all
places of dignity and responsibility in Thy
Church upon those who are best fitted for the
same ; We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to guide the
hearts of those whom Thou hast endowed
with wealth, that they may be self-denying
and liberal, and wise in promoting the caus
of godliness and true devotion, and in chari
to the poor ; We beseech Thee, &c

That it may please Thee to raise
among our commercial people a sens
scrupulous honesty in all their dealings,
to check the spirit of idle speculation ;
We beseech Thee,

That it may please Thee to cause
employ others to recognise their

sibility to treat their dependents as brethren in Christ;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to repress the extreme luxury of the rich;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to check and root out the dreadful drunkenness of our people;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to cleanse our towns and villages from the degradation of unchastity;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to comfort and help all the poor, and to bring them to eternal life;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to remedy, in Thine own good time, the miserable evils of the crowded dwellings of the poor;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to shed forth Thy Holy Spirit in this parish, and to bring all to repentance and holiness of living;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to convert all hardened sinners, to have mercy upon all who are in error and schism, and to bring *them* back to Thy fold;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to give us true and earnest, and lifelong repentance, a undoubting trust in Thy promises, and a sur confidence in Thy love;

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Amen.

"Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart."—
ST. MATT. xi. 29.

CHRIST'S path was sad and lowly,
But yet thou in thy pride,
Wouldst climb the highest summit,
And on the height abide!
Wouldst thou to heaven arise?
My Lord the way will show thee,
For who would climb these skies,
Must first with Him be lowly.

Lowly, my soul, be lowly,
Follow the paths of old:
The feather riseth lightly,
But never so the gold!
The stream descending fast,
Has gathered, quietly, slowly—
A river rolls at last—
Therefore, my soul, be lowly.

Lowly, my eyes, be lowly.
God, from His throne above,
Looks down upon the humble
In kindness and in love.
Still, as I rise, I shall
Have greater depths below me,
And haughty looks must fall—
Therefore, mine eyes, be lowly.

Lowly, my hands, be lowly,
Christ's poor around us dwell,
Stoop down, and kindly cherish
The flock He loves so well.

Not toiling to secure
  This world's fame and glory—
Thy Saviour blessed the poor,
  Therefore, my hands, be lowly.

Lowly, my heart, be lowly.
  So God shall dwell with thee,
It is the meek and patient
  Who shall exalted be.
Deep in the valley rest
  The Spirit's gifts most holy,
And they who seek are blest,
  Therefore, my heart, be lowly.

Lowly, I would be lowly!
  This frame, to earth allied,
Must first to dust be humbled
  Ere it be glorified!
My God, prepare me here
  For all that lies before me.
I would in heaven appear;
  And so I will be lowly.
  Amen.

"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the L
Ps. cxxxiv. 2.

HALLELUJAH! Fairest morning,
  Fairer than my words can say,
Down I lay the heavy burden
  Of life's toil and care to-day;
  While this morn of joy and love
  Brings fresh vigour from above.

Sunday, full of holy glory !
  Sweetest rest-day of the soul,
Light upon a darken'd world
  From thy blessed moments roll.
  Holy, happy, heavenly day,
  Thou canst charm my grief away.

Now I taste my Father's goodness,
  Falling like the morning dew,
While of pastures even fairer
  I would take a distant view ;
  Where my Shepherd's flock I see,
  Where my dwelling soon shall be !

Oh, be silent, earthly turmoil,
  I have work more sweet and blest,
And each thought would gather homeward
  On this happy day of rest ;
  Thus with clearer faith to see
  All my Lord has done for me.

In the gladness of His worship
  I will seek my joy to-day :
It is then I learn the fulness
  Of the grace for which I pray,
  When the Word of Life is given,
  Like the Saviour's voice from heaven.

Let the day's sweet hours be ended
  Cheerfully, as they've begun ;
And, Thy blessing, Lord, be granted,
  Till earth's days and weeks are done :
  That at last Thy servant may
  Keep eternal Sabbath-day.

"Lord, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest."—
ST. LUKE ix. 57.

O JESUS, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend!
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.

Oh! let me feel Thee near me—
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

Oh! let me hear Thee speaking,
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will:
Oh! speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control:
Oh! speak and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul!

Oh! let me see Thy features,
The look that once could make
So many a true disciple
Leave all things for Thy sake:

The look that beam'd on Peter
  When he Thy name denied ;
The look that draws Thy lovers
  Close to Thy pierced side.

Oh ! Jesus, Thou hast promised
  To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory,
  There shall Thy servant be ;
And, Jesus, I have promised
  To serve Thee to the end ;
Oh, give me grace to follow
  My Master and my Friend !

Oh ! let me see Thy foot-marks,
  And in them plant mine own ;
My hope to follow duly
  Is in Thy strength alone.
Oh ! guide me, call me, draw me,
  Uphold me to the end ;
And then in Heaven receive me,
  My Saviour and my Friend ! Amen.

J. E. B.

"or now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."—
ROM. xiii. 11.

ONE sweetly solemn thought
  Comes to me o'er and o'er,—
I'm nearer home to-day
  Than e'er I've been before ;

Nearer my Father's house
  Where many mansions be,
Nearer the great white throne,
  Nearer the jasper sea ;

Nearer the bound of life
  Where all lay burdens down;
Nearer leaving the cross,
  Nearer gaining the crown.

But lying darkly between,
  Winding down through the night,
Is the dim and unknown stream
  That leads at last to light.

Father, my hope fulfil;
  Strengthen my feeble faith;
Let me feel as I would when I stand
  Beside the stream of death,—

Feel as I would when my feet
  Are sliding o'er the brink;
For I may be nearer home,
  Nearer now than I think!

Amen.

(From *Lyra Sacra Americana.*)

"Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness."—Ps. cxii. 4.

LEAD, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom
  Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home—
  Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene,—one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on,
I loved to choose and see my path ; but now,
Lead Thou me on !
I loved the garish day, and spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will : remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone ;
And with the morn those Angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

"Peace, be still."—St. Mark iv. 39.

CALM me, my God, and keep me calm,
While these hot breezes blow ;
[illegible] love's cooling balm

buoyant health,
of pain ;
y or wealth,
; or gain ;
rance of wrong,
o bore my shame ;
hreatening, taunting throng
y holy Name ;
great world's news with power
spirit stir :
dings of the hour
oo fond an ear ;
ray of sun or star
orms assail in vain,
ruffled through earth's war
nal calm to gain !

EVENING.

the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour."—TIT

WE close the weary eye,
Saviour ever near :
We lift our souls on high
Through the darkness drear ;
Be Thou our light, we cry,
Saviour ever dear.
We feel thine arms around,
Saviour ever near :
With Thee let us be found ;
Then we shall not fear
Whatever ills abound,
Saviour ever dear.

Thine is the day and night,
  Saviour ever near :
Thine is the dark and light ;
  Be our shelter here :
Oh, shield us with Thy might,
  Saviour ever dear.

And when we come to die,
  Saviour ever near :
Receive our parting sigh,
  And in the hour of fear
Be to our spirit nigh,
  Saviour ever dear.

Amen.

"We love Him, because He first loved us."—1 JOHN iv.

MY God, I love Thee ; not because
  I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not
  Must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
  Upon the Cross embrace ;
For me didst bear the nails, and spear,
  And manifold disgrace.

And griefs and torments numberless,
  And sweat of agony ;
Yea, death itself ; and all for me
  Who was Thine enemy.

Then why, O blessed Jesu Christ,
  Should I not love Thee well ?
Not for the hope of winning heaven,
  Nor of escaping hell ;

Not with the hope of gaining aught,
  Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast lovèd me,
  O ever-loving Lord.

So would I love Thee, dearest Lord,
  And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God,
  And my Eternal King.

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"God is my salvation; I will trust."—Isa. xii. 2.

SAVIOUR! happy should I be,
  If I could but trust in Thee;
Trust Thy wisdom me to guide;
Trust Thy goodness to provide;
Trust Thy saving love and power;
Trust Thee every day and hour;

Trust Thee as the only light
Through the hours of darkest night;
Trust in sickness, trust in health;
Trust in poverty and wealth;
Trust in joy and trust in grief;
Trust Thy promise for relief;

Trust Thy blood to cleanse my soul;
Trust Thy grace to make me whole;
Trust Thee all my journey through;
Trust Thee, living, dying too;
Trust Thee till my feet shall be
Planted on the crystal sea.

Am

(From *Lyra Sacra Americana.*)

"Tribulation worketh Patience."—ROM. v. 3.

WHEN my heart is sore within
Through a hope of joy deferred;
When I cannot conquer sin,
Or the soul with pride is stirred;
Mix for me the needful cup,
Watch me till I drink it up.

If this stubborn will of mine
Will not bow itself to Thee;
If I struggle and repine
At the lot imposed on me;
Do not let me have my way,
Firmly, kindly say me nay.

And if Patience may not come,
But through pain and toil and strife,
If it be denied to some
Till the evening of their life;
Let me suffer what I may,
Still for Patience will I pray.

Patience, Lord, is what I ask,
Only make me wait on Thee.
Here is strength for every task,
This the life of liberty.
As we trust Thee here below,
Will our weight of glory grow.

A. W. T.

D where the stars are burn
t, silent, in their turning
ıe never changing pole ;
ıere the sky is brightest,
ıere the blue is lightest,
w my longing soul.

| that arch of gladness,
| these clouds of sadness,
nany mansions fair.
ain, and sin, and folly,
ıce of the holy ;
find my mansion there.

glory brightly dwelleth,
new song sweetly swelleth,
discord never comes ;
s stream is ever laving,
ılm is ever waving ;
st be the home of homes.

Lamb on high is seated,
ıusand voices greeted,
lords, and King of kings.
ı, they crown, they crown !
l, they own, they own Him
s name the palace rings.

onour, without measure,
iches, earthly treasure,
at His blessed feet.
raise that now we render,
be our voices yonder,
efore His throne we meet.

"Lord, help me."—ST. MATT. xv. 25.

IN the hour of trial,
  Jesus, pray for me;
Lest by base denial
  I depart from Thee.
When Thou seest me waver,
  With a look recall,
Nor for fear or favour
  Suffer me to fall.

With forbidden pleasures
  Would this vain world charm;
Or its sordid treasures
  Spread to work me harm;
Bring to my remembrance
  Sad Gethsemane,
Or, in darker semblance,
  Cross-crowned Calvary.

Should Thy mercy send me
  Sorrow, toil, and woe;
Or should pain attend me
  On my path below;
Grant that I may never
  Fail Thy hand to see;
Grant that I may ever
  Cast my care on Thee.

When my last hour cometh,
  Fraught with strife and pain;
When my dust returneth
  To the dust again;
On Thy truth relying,
  Through that mortal strife,
Jesus, take me dying
  To eternal life. Amen.

"Nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net."—
St. Luke v. 5.

ALL the night so dark and drear
We have toil'd 'mid hope and fear,
Toil'd and nothing taken yet;
Satan mocks our empty net.

Standing on th' eternal shore,
All Thy toil and sorrow o'er,
Canst Thou look with pity yet,
Jesus, on our empty net?

Hark, a whisper floateth o'er!
"Launch into the deep once more,
Once again your nets let down,
And a draught your hopes shall crown."

In the place which Thou hast shown,
Trusting to Thy Word alone,
Once again our net we cast,
Certain to be blest at last.

Lord, Thy summons we obey,
Doubt and fear are cast away,
Labour ne'er can fruitless be,
Which begins and ends in Thee.

J. E. B.

"Come unto Me."—St. Matt. xi. 28.

ART thou weary, art thou languid,
Art thou sore distrest?
"Come to me"—saith One—"and coming,
Be at rest!"

Hath He marks to lead me to Him,
If He be my Guide?
"In His feet and hands are wound-prints,
And His side."

Is there diadem, as monarch,
That His brow adorns?
"Yea, a crown, in very surety,
But of thorns!"

If I find him, if I follow,
What His guerdon here?
"Many a sorrow, many a labour,
Many a tear."

If I still hold closely to Him,
What hath He at last?
"Sorrow vanquish'd, labour ended,
Jordan past!"

If I ask Him to receive me,
Will He say me nay?
"Not till earth, and not till heaven
Pass away!"

Finding, following, keeping, struggling,
Is He sure to bless?
"Angels, martyrs, prophets, virgins,
Answer, yes!"

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."—ST. MATT. xvi. 24.

TAKE up thy cross, the Saviour said,
If thou wouldst My disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after Me.

Take up thy cross; let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame;
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
Thy Lord for thee the Cross endured,
To save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross, then, in His strength,
And calmly every danger brave;
It guides thee to a better home,
And leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

Amen.

"And where I am, there shall also My servant be."—
St. John xii. 26.

LET me be with Thee where Thou art,
My Saviour, my eternal Rest:
Then only will this longing heart
Be fully and completely blest.

Let me be with Thee where Thou art,
Thy unveil'd glory to behold;
Then only will this wandering heart
Cease to be treacherous, faithless, cold.

Let me be with Thee where Thou art,
Where spotless saints Thy name adore,
Then only will this evil heart
Be sinful and defiled no more.

Let me be with Thee where Thou art,
Where none can die, where none remove ;
There neither life nor death can part
Me from Thy presence and Thy love !
Amen.

" He that refraineth his lips is wise."—PROV. x. 19.

PRUNE thou thy words, the thoughts control
That o'er thee swell and throng ;
They will condense within thy soul,
And change to purpose strong.

But he who lets his feelings run
In soft luxurious flow,
Shrinks when hard service must be done,
And faints at every woe.

Faith's meanest deed more favour bears,
Where hearts and wills are weighed,
Than brightest transports, choicest prayers,
Which bloom their hour and fade.

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